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#### **Campaign** launched to keep a 'life-saver'

A CAMPAIGN to save Dudley's threatened Benefits Shop has been launched by CAMPAIGN people who use it. They say it provides a "life-saving" free

provides a "life-saving" free service.

The dedicated one-stop service, based in the former court build-ing in Priory Street, provides free advice on how to apply for bene-fits and which benefits people are entitled to, as well as help in appealing any decisions from the Department for Work and Pen-sions.

But it may be forced to close to save the cash-strapped council hundreds of thousands of pounds

#### **Discussions**

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She has launched the campaign in a bid to save the service she says was "vital" in making her life comfortable.

"They help thousands of people like me and worse off than me," said Miss Elwell, of Green Street, Stourbridge.

She has written to Stourbridge MP Margot James, as well as charity UK Deaf-Blind and the Pocklington Trust in Stourbridge to try to rally support.

Councillor David Blood, cabinet member for finance, confirmed the Benefits Shop would lose £150,000 in the coming financial year. But he added the authority was considering ploughing £100,000 a year into redesignating the service to be provided by Citizens' Advice Bureau, Dudley Council Plus, or other suitable organisations. Discussions avacurflux the service. other suitable organisations. Discussions regarding the service will be ongoing, he added.

#### Speedy result on swine flu

A NEW test which more quickly determines the type of a flu a patient has is being offered in Sandwell.

Sandwell.

The Xpert Flu test, which is being used by Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, differentiates between winter flu and swine flu in just

#### Figuring it all out

STUDENTS from Halesowen's Earls High School are hoping to figure highly in a UK Mathematics Trust intermediate competition on February 3 and the junior section on May 6.

# JOBS HOPE O **OURIST SITES**

LMOST 200 jobs will be created at Dudley Zoo, the Black Country Museum and Dudley Canal Trust under a planned investment worth £46.5 million.

The tourist attractions are jointly bidding for cash as part of a Transforming Dudley vision, which will see the attractions revitalised to boost their visitor numbers.

#### Supporters' trust helps with repairs at stadium

URGENT repairs and main-tenance work at the home of

tenance work at the home of Halesowen Town football club will be carried out by supporters under new plans. Improvements to The Grove stadium are crucial to bringing more football fans through the turnstiles to boost coffers, club management said.

It was decided at a trust board meeting last week that supporters group. The Yeltz Trust, will help with running the non-league outfit. A group met at the ground on Sunday to establish how much work needs to be done.

Active

#### Active

Trust chairman Gary Willetts said: "We need to bring in a system, for the time being at least, to make sure we continue the upkeep of the ground. "The trust is willing to get involved in helping out because, after all, it is for the benefit of the club."

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Mr Willetts says talks with general manager Shaun Cunnington have been positive regarding the possibility of the trust taking a more active role in the running of the club.

He said general maintenance, such as weeding, tidying up and painting, would be a priority. "We just need to get the ball rolling," he said.

The project has asked for £2m from the government with the rest of its proposed £46.5m investment coming from private sources and Europe. It is one of four cash

Europe. It is one of four cash bids in the Black Country. The Black Country Reinvestment Society is asking for £8m to help create 880 jobs and safeguard 4,968 more by providing loans to businesses, the West Bromwich Building Society wants £5m to move to a new HQ while the former James Bridge copperworks also wants a £5m grant to redevelop in Darlaston. The Transforming Dudley project will see Dudley Zoo, Dudley Canal Trust and the Black Country Living Museum create joint visitor and arrival facilities and revitalise their attractions.

attractions

#### Safeguarded

The Black Country Consortium, which works on behalf of the councils estimates that 20 jobs will be safeguarded at the three organisations and 193 will be created.

A further 90 jobs will be created in the surrounding areas.

areas.

The bids for funding from the Government's Regional Growth

Government's Regional Growth Fund are being supported by the new Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership.

The LEP is meant to replace the \$4300m a year quango Advantage West Midlands which is being scrapped in 2012. Sarah Middleton, chief executive of the Black Country Consortium, added: "If these projects are approved for funding they will have a real positive impact on our community."

#### Teenager Tom at helm for canal trips



Tom Downing, aged 18, puts the finishing touches to the Blackcountry Man

A FATHER and son team are putting fin-ishing touches to renovating a Black Country narrowboat which has carried hundreds of passen-gers.

gers.
The Blackcountry Man boat, usually moored at the Bonded Warehouse, off Canal Street, Stourbridge, hosts pleasure cruises, comedy nights and historical tours high-lighting the town's glass industry. Long-serving captain and trip operator Mick Bourne retired aged 64 last year.

#### Experience

Experience
Stourbridge Canal
Trustwanted a new
person at the helm
and Tom Downing,
18. stepped up.
His father, Andy,
helped transform
and update the boat
ready for its new
season starting in
spring.
They plan a new
series of boat trips
starting in April.
"We've worked
together on it which
has been good as he
has the experience of
working in the dry
dock," said Tom, of
Swan Street, Netherton. Trust bosses
decided to choose Tom over six other candidates.

#### Freeze legacy a bitter blow to council budget

MAINTENANCE and repairs during the winter freeze have already plunged Dudley around council £350,000 budget.

And now bosses are bracing themselves for more expense.

The news comes as the Local Government Association—the lobbying organisation which represents more than 350 councils — warned that councils in England will struggle to repair potholes caused by the extreme winter weather because of a £165 million shortfall in funding.

Dudley council has set up a £1million contingency fund to help cover the cost of gritting and repairing damage caused by the severe cold snap.

So far, the extra £350,000 expense has been met by "careful control" of the environmental management budget.

But a report to the council reveals that further cold weather could cost an extra £400,000, and warns its bank balance will not be able to absorb the impact.

The report states:

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This could be the most challenging winter maintenance period for over 100 years."

#### Museum's trams may not run until Easter

BLACK Country Living Museum trams and trolleybuses may be out of action until Easter as repair work is done, it has emerged.

Easter as Expanding the emerged.

They have stopped running after thieves stole a section of overhead electrical wiring at the Tipton Road site. Bosses said experts

were still assessing the extent of damage to cables and connectors but hoped to be fully operational for Easter.

The cost of work is not yet known. The museum said, due to the historic nature of the tramway, it was hard to predict how long restoration would take, as it would

require specialist work. Spokeswoman Fiona Carding said: "We are working hard to reinstate the tram and would hope it would become fully operational in time for Factor." Easter

A vintage coach service is now being used to transport visitors around the site.



### Delight as sixth form centre opened



MP James Morris, head Keith Sorrell, Baroness Sue Camp-bell and Colin White, chairman of governors

Soldiers granted leisure

discount

ARMED forces person nel are being offered dis

The standard rate of membership is currently £29.50 a month or £324.50 a

year.

Armed forces personnel will now receive membership for £24 per month or £288 a year.

Committed

the memoership entities the user to access to all three leisure centres' gyms and swimming pools as well as other organised fitness sessions, squash courts and

much more. Councillor Anne Mill-

ward, Conservative leader of Dudley Council, said: "This is something we are committed to and we have been looking at introducing a discount for armed forces personnel for some time now."

personnel for some time now.

"This move follows our recent Tickets for Troops initiative, which offered complimentary tickets to shows at borough venues."

In October last year, Dudley Council signed up to Tickets for Troops, a national scheme which offers free tickets to armed forces personnel who have served in Afghanistan.

The membership entitles

A NEW £6.5 million sixth form centre near Halesowen town centre has been opened to its first 125 students.

The centre at Windsor High School. Bishproad Street.

School, Richmond Street, includes science laboratories

the day. I know the students found her words inspirational and we look forward to continuing to create excellence in our sixth form."

Headteacher Keith Sorrell said he was delighted that the centre had been declared open

includes science laboratories and a gym.

It was opened by Baroness Sue Campbell, chairman of Sports UK and former head of the Youth Sports Trust. It makes the school one of the few in Dudley to offer a sixth form addition to a high school.

About 300 staff, students and VIPs saw Lady Campbell with the Youth Sports Trust for in addition to a high school.

About 300 staff, students and VIPs saw Lady Campbell with the Youth Sports Trust for in and VIPs saw Lady Campbell univeil a plaque and board listing founding members.

Chairman of governors Dr Colin White said: "Sue Campbell gave an excellent speech and we were all delighted with

which has been made available for community use.

The building caters for up to 300 students, around 75 per cent of whom will come from Windsor High School, with other high schools also feeding

other high schools also feeding in.

The opening on January 14 marks the end of the project, which was dogged by controversy since its inception.

Dudley councillors rejected the high school's original bid after cabinet member for education, Councillor Liz Walker, said there were not enough pupils to justify a sixth form centre.

#### **Ragdoll legend** Baugh dies, 75

THE Black Country craftsman who built the legendary TV canal boat Ragdoll, the star of the popular children's TV show Rosie and Jim, has died at the age of 75.

David Baugh, owner and manager of manufacturers Black Country Narrowboats, had suffered from Parkinson's Disease and cancer.

The funeral is at Stourbridge Crematorium this Friday, January 28, at 2.10pm and the family has requested donations to the Parkinson's Disease Society instead of flowers.

His partner Carol Hutchings, aged 67, said: "David was a wonderful man. He was very kind, and generous, and always willing to help anyone who needed it.

"He was a fantastic boat builder. Boats were his life and we were one of the leading boat builders in the country."

Walsall-born Mr Baugh lived with Miss Hutchings in Prestwood Drive, Stourton, near Stourbridge. He leaves a son, 48-year-old Jeremy Faulkner-Court.

Graham Bryce and his clan aim to

show that independent businesses can

survive the

downturn with B Dazzled, in High Street,

selling costum and fashion jewellery. Mr Bryce's wife, Dawn, is the book-

keeper, and daughter Emma, aged 19, does the

advertising. Son Sean, 16,

Halesowen College busi

ness studies student, is to help at week-ends.

The store stocks gold and silver along

casual bangles and bracelets.

Mr Bryce sold his share

of a jewellery

shop in Erd-ington, Birm

ingham, after

10 years to

return to his

#### Cancer group's plea for drivers

DUDLEY cancer charity is appealing for volunteer drivers to take patients and their carers to hospital appointments.

tal appointments.
Cancer Support, based at The White House, Ednam Road, has around 20 drivers, who give up their time to provide transport and they make almost 2,900 journeys a

"We are getting more requests for this service, possibly because more poople are getting to know about it," said Steve Parkes, group and records officer for Dudley Cancer Support. "We have an amazing group of volunteers who give up their time, ranging from those who work from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, to those who can devote a few hours a week. "The work they do shows their passion and commitment to help to make a positive difference to our community. "We now need more of them — possibly around 10 outra divisors."

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Support can contact 01384 231232.

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Besides the transport service, the charity offers complementary therapies to cancer patients and their carers and provides a venue for support

groups.

It has around 2,700 patients and carers on its books.

#### **Fitness** offer at centres

PEOPLE looking to get in shape can benefit from New Year offers on sports across Sandwell.

across Sandwell Leisure
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### Plans axed for new link to ring road

nel are being offered discounted prices at Dudley's revamped leisure centres.

From February 1, they will receive discounted membership at Dudley, Halesowen and Crystal leisure centres.

Dudley councillors decided to extend their discounted rates, which are already available to police, fire service, health and council staff, to the armed services. LONG-standing plans for a link road bypassing a stretch of Stourbridge's busy ring road have been scrapped after more than a decade.

The road would have directly connected Vauxhall Road and Hagley Road, providing access to a Tesco supermarket once planned for the nearby Angel Triangle site. Development of the store has been abandoned in favour of opening a supermarket as part of a series of improvements planned for the town's Crown Centre

Dudley Council has now finally ended any chance of the link road being built by

AMATEUR

theatre company has to

find a new home because of a school rebuilding project.

Tipton Operatic and Dra-

Tipton Operatic and Dra-matic Society, known as Toads, has used Alexandra High School's hall for 18 years. Now it has just weeks to find another venue as work progresses on the £17 million Building Schools for

Company member Graham Howes said: "The society has been in exis-tence for 20 years and it has been based at Alexandra High for 18 years. We

the Future scheme.

Search for aria

headquarters

modifying an improvement line protecting the area from other development. The authority decided to lift the restriction to allow future developments in Vauxhall Road – and because the link road scheme was now unlikely to go ahead.

The road would have cut through the existing bus station and the depot moved to another part of the town under the original plans.

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another part of the town under the Origina.

Multi-million-pound improvement works are now taking place at the bus station in Foster Street East.
Cabinet member Councillor Angus Adams said: "We kept this line in place as a back-up in case this scheme was ever needed in the future.

"However, with the improvements to the bus station under way and Tesco not being built there any more, this road would never be built.

"The protecting line

be built.
"The protecting line would have disrupted future improvements planned in that area which is why we decided it was time to modify it.

#### **Promoted**

"In this way any develop-ments along Vauxhall Road will now be unhampered.

"It is unlikely any developments on the scale of a link road would be put forward in this area would be promoted again in the be promoted again in the future because of the bus station development." Councillor Adams said

can provide space.

"A performance area and storage facilities would be a really good bonus. We are Tipton-based so it really needs to be in the town," said warehouse worker Mr Howes, aged 55, of Ruth Close. the improvement line had been put in place at part of a regeneration scheme for the town in 2000. Anyone who can help is urged to contact Kelvin McGee on 07904 586934.

A sparkling home town return

Graham Bryce has set up a family jewellery business, B Dazzled, in Brierley Hill High Street

### £9m housing on hold

A PROJECT to revamp 11 formerly condemned tower blocks and tackle soaring demand for housing has been put on hold.

The £9.2 million Sandwell Council scheme involved creating flats in basements of the blocks and modernising homes, to get people off the 8,000-strong waiting list. But the revamp has stalled at flats includ-ing Nelson House, in Princes End, and Paget House and Wyrley House, in Sedgley Road East, Tipton.

Sedgley Road East, Tipton.
Residents have set up a
petition asking Sandwell
Council to prioritise the
completion of works.
Funding for the project

from the Government's Decent Homes scheme has been put on hold until at least February. The Government is considering scrapping the scheme, although Sandwell's housing chief Councillor Simon Hackett said the authority was still committed to seeing it through.

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### Thug, 32, wounded old lady in attack



Outside the court -Mustafa Shafi

A THUG knocked an 85year-old woman to the ground and left her with a broken nose when she commented on his "stupid" attack on a

broken nose when she commented on his "stupid" attack on a phone box in the Black Country.

The victim saw Mustafa Shafi, aged 32, shouting and being aggressive inside the call box as he banged the receiver on the glass, Wolverhampton Crown receiver on the Wolverhampton Court was told.

Court was told.

As the woman walked past, she said to her elderly male companion: "What a stupid thing to do."

Shafi then "flew" out of the phone box, in Cinder Bank, Netherton, and screamed and shouted at his victim, asking: "Did you call me stupid?" the court heard.

Miss Kate Thomas, prosecuting, said the victim was "extremely scared" and

"extremely scared" and Shafi then used his full body force to knock her to the ground, causing her to strike an open shop door. Shafi also tried to punch

the victim's companion, but he dodged the attack.

#### Strength

Abarber working in a shop rushed out to help and described Shafi, of Swan Street, Netherton, as being "irate and with his fists clenched." As well as the injury to her nose, the victim was left with two black eyes was left with two black eyes and a gash to her head. She needed treatment at

Birmingham's Heartlands Hopsital after the attack, which happened at around 2.30pm on June 19 last year. Shafi admitted wounding

and told police in interview that the victim had "invaded his space".

In a statement read to the

ourt, the victim said: "Physically, I'm not the same, nor will I be. I've lost the strength in my left hand and I can't pick up a saucepan or washbasket."

reant pick up a saucepan or washbasket."
Judge Martin Walsh gave bail to Shafi, who is schizo-phrenic, while his mental state is assessed ahead of sentencing on February 7.
But the judge warned: "All

sentencing options are open to the court."

Steam attraction figures dip VISITOR numbers plummeted by 23,000 at the region's heritage Severn Valley Railway over the

and a freezing winter took their toll. Figures released last week reveal the steam line carried 225,570 passengers during compared to a near record-breaking 248, 570 rail users in 2009.

past year as the economic climate

Ing 246, 5/10 rail users in 2009.

Bosses were expecting an end-of-season boost during December, which is traditionally the busiest month of the year due to the attraction's Santa-themed trains.

But these hopes were derailed after the Arctic weather struck forcing the cancellation of a number of trains.

of the day's scheduled 11 trains to be can of the day's scheduled 11 trains to be can-celled. SVR general manager Nick Ralls said the drop was disappointing and the attraction would be working hard in 2011 to raise visitor numbers.

"The reality of a recession always comes some time after the fact," he said.

#### **Specials**

"In 2009 so many businesses were saying 'What recession?' but unfortunately the effects always catch up later and that is what we are seeing here.
"We have to take it on the chin and draw

encouragement from the fact the leisure and tourism market is now starting to edge back towards stability. "The severe winter did not help as some

trains had to be cancelled. Mr hais said the attraction, which runs on a 16-mile track between Kidderminster and Bridg-north, was planning a series of specials during the year including a Swinging 60s event in May.

event in May.

And he said successes such as allowing youngsters to travel for £1 during the summer holidays, which attracted 40,000 people in August, is expected to be repeated.

repeated.
Major £500,000 engineering works are being done at the railway with new drainage being laid at Arley station and work to the railway bridge at Bewdley

The attraction will partially reopen on The attraction win partially respect of February 12 operating weekends and during the school holidays. Reopening of the whole length of the line is scheduled

for March. Special events planned on the railway this year include a classic trans-port day at Highley on February 19, a series of scenic evening rail cruises with optional fish and chip suppers through-out the spring and summer, a Sounds of the Sixties event with tribute bands from May 20-22, 1940s weekends in June and July and a Great Train Dance on July 27.

#### **Displays**

On July 23 and 24 the popular annual 'Severn Valley in Bloom' event will showcase floral displays at stations and on August 27,28 and 29 the seaside comes to the Midlands for a "seaside special" featuring traditional attractions such as Punch and Judy, candy floss and children's rides. An autumn steam gala is on in September.

#### **Misery** claim on 'areen' corridor

MOTORISTS could be squeezed out and car lanes reduced under plans to transform some of the busiest routes in the Black Country and Birming-

Country and Birmingham into "low carbon
corridors".

Among routes being
considered is the 404 bus
route through Dudley,
Sandwell and Walsall.

West Midlands transport authority Centro
has revealed it is preparing a bid for between
£50m and £60m of the
Government's Local Sustainable Transport Fund
(LSTF) to pay for the
project across the region.

The aim is to encourage people to change
travel habits to ease congestion. Critics warned
the move could spell
misery for motorists.

Schools

#### **Schools**

Schools

It would see the introduction of new lanes for electric and hybrid buses, cycle lanes, electric car charging points and car sharing schemes along the busiest routes.

Travel plans for businesses and schools would also be developed to reduce the number of cars on the roads.

People would be encouraged to walk and cycle more and embrace healthier lifestyles.

tyche more and embrace healthier lifestyles. The LSTF, £560m between 2011/12 and 2014/15, is available to transport authorities outside London to bid for funding for "sustainable travel", reduced congestion and to improve quality of life.

#### Jayne is in the lap of luxury

A BRIERLEY Hill woman has won a VIP break at a luxury health and beauty treatment spa in a competition. Jayne Burgess won her

Jayne Burgess won her prize for four people through Petplan, the UK's leading pet insurer. As part of Petplan's 'Healthy Pets, Happy You' campaign, in conjunction with Champneys Health Resorts, they offered not converse

junction with Champeys Health Resorts, they offered pet owners a chance to win the break-worth more than £1000. Said Jayne: "I was completely surprised" said Jayne. "I had com-pletely forgotten about the competition because I thought there was no thought there was chance I would win."

### Josie's rosy outlook as freeman of the borough



Josie Lawrence

A TIPTON construction and haulage company is expanding its office space as it anticipates a turnover of £4 million next year, creat-

£4 million next year, creating six new jobs.

Mac Surfacing and MC
Transport, both based at the
same site on Malthouse
Road, will convert the rear
of the building to include
offices on the first floor and

expand the workforce with new labourers and office

workers.

Plans include creating a garage at the bottom of the firm's yard and recruiting a

Date set to welcome students

THE first students will start at the new £77million Sandwell College next January. The build is due to be completed in November, when an official opening ceremony is planned, but it will be a further two months before the first of 10,000 students start studies at the building. Work on the college in Spon Lane, West Bromwich, began in September 2009 but the scheme suffered from interruptions last year when the extreme winter weather caused delays in erecting steel arches.

Jobs created as

business grows

new mechanic. The new building will be at the rear of the site. Managing director Mark

Managing director Mark Copson, head of the con-struction side of the busi-ness, Mac Surfacing, and the haulage arm, MC Trans-port, for the past three years, said the the firm grew during the recession. He said: "We've outgrown

our yard space quickly and we've been growing throughout recession.

"This extension will be creating new jobs and we will be recruiting locally."

ACTRESS Josie Lawrence, who has brought up in Old Hill, was hailed "a wonderful person" as councillors agreed to make her a freeman of the Sandwell

agreed to make her a freeman of the Sandard borough.

Members agreed to bestow the honour on Whose Line Is It Anyway? and former EastEnders star Josie Lawrence at a full meeting of Sandwell Council.

The leader, Councillor Darren Cooper said: "She is an absolutely wonderful person who has done a lot for all the people she knows. She is an esteemed local actress and we want people to know that we are proud of the Sandwell residents who go not o achieve great things."

Born in Old Hill, 51-year-old Josie became well known for improvisation comedy show Whose Line Is It Anyway? as well as for playing Amanda Best in East Enders.

She started her career at the company of the started her career at the care.

in EastEnders.
She started her career at
the Barlow Theatre, in
Oldbury, where she is a
patron. She has performed
with the Royal Shakespeare
Company and received the
Dame Peggy Ashcroft award
for best actress in the 1990s.
She is well-known for her
charity work and has helped
raise hundreds of thousands
of pounds for breast cancer
research and to provide help

research and to provide help for children suffering from autism and special needs.

#### Honours

Honours

She has honorary doctorates from Dartington College, Wolverhampton University and Aston University.

Josie is the 11th honorary freeman of Sandwell and the second actress to be given the privilegeafter Smethwick-born Julie Walters in 2004. Others who have received the accolade include comedian Frank Skinner and former Albion player Cyrille Regis.

Josie's mother Kath Lawrence, of Cradley Heath, said the award was "a great honour".

The actress, who lives in London, will receive her award in March.

#### Club to welcome new members Haden Hill Leisure Centre martial arts club is offering a new training programme for 16 to 19-year-olds, thanks to funding from Sport England.

The programme run Haden Hill Aikido by Haden Hill Alams Club consists of an hour-long training session over eight hour-long training session over eight weeks whicjh began last Sunday.

The sessions are at Haden Hill Leisure Centre, Barrs Road in Cradley Heath.

They have been funded under the Sports Unlimited pro-gramme.

Insurance cover for

Sports Unlimited programme.

Insurance cover for the whole course costs £1.50 per person.

Instructors Senseis Ken and Helen Williams, said: "We are very pleased to have received Sports Unlimited Funding for this training programme.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for any teenager aged between 16 and 19 to experience Aikido.

"The training will be supervised in a safe

supervised in a safe and friendly environ-ment and will cover a range of Aikido training, as an introduction to the control of numerous weapons, mind and body." For more informa-

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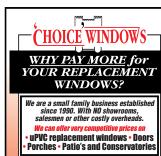
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#### Girls walking tall for charity fundraising



Stiltwalkers Emma Acton (top left) and Marie Acton with Rockettes Heidi Bytheway (front left) Bryony Hodgkinson and Domanique Savage-Ramsay

SINGERS, dancers and DJs are getting together to raise cash for charity at a Black Country

variety night this week.

The Big Night Out, at the Kingfisher Hotel, Kidderminster Road, Wall Heath, has been organised by girl group The Rockettes on Friday, January 28.

group The ROCKETES ON FIRIDAY, JABUARY 28.

The threesome, who perform hits from the 50s to 80s, will be joined by reggae band Progression and jazz act the Kings of Swing. Burlesque dancers Pin-Ups will show off their moves before the party runs into the early hours with a disco, and stiltwalkers Emma and Marie Acton will be on hand to keep the audience entertained between acts.

#### **Popularity**

The Rockettes comprise Heidi Bytheway, 24, of West Bromwich, Bryony Hodgkinson, 25, and Domanique Savage-Ramsay, 24, both of Wolverhampton. They have only been performing together since September but their popularity has grown at clubs across the Black Country.

Proceeds from the event will go to Macmillan Cancer Support and the British Heart Foundation. For tickets and information call 07792740509

### **Opening for** gates refurb

WORK to restore dilapidated historic gates at a Stourbridge park may start next year if a bid for £2.5 million lottery cash is successful.

Calls have been made for repairs to the Grade II-listed gates at Mary Stevens Park, Norton, for more than 10 years.

Dudley Council successfully applied for £116,000 first-phase funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund last year for a feasibility

It is now nearly ready to apply for funding which, if successful, will let work to

start. The council expects to make its bid at the end of the financial year and hopes to hear if it has been successful by the end of 2011.

2011. It aims to have contractors ready to start if the bid is successful, Stourbridge Area Committee heard last week. The council would still have to get match-inding towards the cos.

Some members of the public asked if it would be easier to use modern, and cheaper methods but Councillor Les Jones said if the bid was unsuccessful that would be the right time to debate that.

### Extra places on way | Families are told to as school rolls grow

A MULTI-million-pound bid to cope with a baby boom by creating an extra 335 school places in Sandwell over the next two years looks set to be approved.

Three schools are likely to Three scnoois are likely to be enlarged under plans to deal with a significant rise in birth rates during 2006/07 and an "unprecedented" increase in 2007/08.

An extra 110 reception places are needed across the borough. In Tipton an extra 20 places will also be created

at Glebefields Primary and Joseph Turner Primary, but a report to councillors said they were not large enough to require a consultation.

four form entry.

Shireland Hall Primary School, in Smethwic, k will be overhauled in a £9 million part-rebuild which will create an extra classroom to cope with the influx of extra pupils.

taken on at Wednesbury's Tameside Primary, which will go from two to a three-form entry.

they were not large enough to require a consultation. Uplands Manor Primary, Smethwick, will expand to a four form entry.

Strategic
Shireland Hall Primary School, in Smethwick, will be overhauled in a 29 million part-rebuild which will breate an extra classroom to tope with the influx of extra pupils will also be

### claim free dinners

who are entitled to free school dinners have been urged to apply for them in a bid to attract half a million pounds of Government funding. For every child entitled

to school meals, Sandwell schools will be given £430 schools will be given 4.39 under a scheme known as "pupil premium". Head-teachers are being encouraged to spend it on reducing class sizes or on more one-to-one tuition.

School meals cost

parents £300 a year but those who claiming bene-fits are entitled to free meals for their children. There are around 10,500 pupils able to claim free school meals in the borough.

#### Enhance

But Sandwell Council believes there are more than 1,000 families — around 12 per cent — who do not claim.

Badham said: "The pupil premium is a way of securing more money for hard-pressed schools following draconian cuts by the Government. It will be given directly to schools – not the local authority – based on how many children are eligible for free school meals. "This money will be

"This money will be given directly to the schools to enhance the child's education."

Anyone requiring
Sandwell's cabinet
member for children and
families Councillor Bob
S189.

### Parents fume as head pushes academy plan

In September, the school newsletter and website said it was considering academy status, bringing £472,000 extra funding a year. Head Keith Sorrell said: "We had a substantial process of consultation with parents and the community throughout last term. "We gave a deadling for

"We gave a deadline for responses in October, but we had none. We have more than exceeded what we were

than exceeded what we were required to do.
"We would continue to offer the same quality of education, but would have access to extra funding."
Martin Lynch, of the NUT, said although the current head and governors may be committed to running the school for local pupils, there was nothing binding on their successors.

#### Church history

A TALK on the founding and architecture of Black and architecture of Black Country churches will be held at Stourbridge Town Hall at 2.30pm on February 25 by local history book author Tim Bridges. For tight information, call the ticket information, call the town hall on 01384 812945.

AHALESOWEN school faces a protest over its bid to go it alone as an independent academy, and a petition has been handed is calling for parents and other townsfolk to be given more say in the decision.

Windsor High School's headteacher insists that the governors have carried out a "substantial process of consultation" since announcing the proposal last September to become an academy free from Dudley Council control from April 1.

Teachers' unions collected 150 names on a petition in Halesowen town centre calling on the governors to hold a "full and proper" consultation. They say few people knew of the plan until last week.

Parent Tony Barnsley, of Cherry Tree Lane, said: "I am alarmed that we have not been able to listen or take part in a discussion over the future of our child's color of the part in a discussion over the future of our child's color of the school."

Animal magic at nursing home KEEPERS from Dudley Zoo took their animals to visit residents at a Black Country nursing home. The zoo's outreach team let residents get up close to the animals at Newlyn Court Nursing Home in Bilston, last Thursday.

### **Shock for ICT** team schools as £30m axed

A SCHOOL project in Department for Education Dudley costing millions is and the Department for under threat after the Government pulled the plug on Government.

But the council has now been told it can no longer sector.

sector.

Dudley Council chose RM
Education as its preferred
bidder for a £30 million contract to provide and manage
ICT services for up to 120
primary, secondary and
special schools and pupil
referral units.
The 10-year contract is

The 10-year contract is worth around £3 million a year, to be funded by the schools.

Private Finance Initia-ive credits worth £10m tive were earmarked to pay for a third of the scheme by the

But the council has now been told it can no longer draw in the private sector cash earmarked for the project. Stourbridge MP Margot

Stourbridge MP Margot James told the Commons last week: "This amounts to a sudden cut in funding £10 million over the next decade – for an important information and communi-cations technology prog-ramme"

Dudley's cabinet member for children's services, Councillor Liz Walker, said she was seeking clarifica-tion from the Government.

#### Ferrets in the runs for cricketers



Stourbridge Cricket club fundraising committee member Emma Pardoe with head coach Dave Banks and Caroline Hornberger, of the Heart of England Ferret Association

bridge crick-eters plan a race night with a difference – featuring 28

featuring 28 ferrets scurry-ing around a table.

The March
12 event at Stourbridge Cricket Club will raise cash for equipment for the youth section.

A track will be set up on

Hatak win be set up on tables, with tunnels and obstacles for the animals to tackle. Punters will bet on the races and organiser Mark Ashbourne hopes to generate more than £1,000. "We've been holding race nights for a few years where people bet on videos of horse races, but that was becoming very similar. This will be completely dif-ferent," he

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### Shuttle bus service due to run until April

operating in Stourbridge while a new £7million bus station is built in the town is being extended, it

town is being extended, it has been announced. Bulldozers and diggers moved on to the development site in Foster Street East after closure of the old station in October. Since then passengers have been using temporary bus stops. Stops are in Birmingham Street, High Street, Market Street and Parkfield Road Afree shuttle bus has operated to and from the town

Neglect payout is £8m

for mum

MOTHER has been sarded an £8 million

A MOTHER has been awarded an £8 million damages payout from Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust after her daughter was left severely disabled by a cocktail of hospital superbugs.

Baby Ayesha Canning-Kishver was so tiny – weighing just 1bl 12oz – when she was born prematurely at 25 weeks that it was a "miracle" she lived, a top judge said.

Despite being so premature, Ayesha was healthy when she was delivered and doing well, Mr Justice Butterfield, sitting at London's High Court, said.

However, Ayesha picked up a double infection of staphylococcos epidermidis and klebsiella organisms while being cared for in the neonatal intensive care unit at Birmingham City Hospitali n July 1997.

**Damage** 

Mr Simeon Maskrey QC, for the family, said that negligence led to delay in the infections being treated. As a result, Ayesha's condition became "almost terminal". She suffered brain damage and Mr Maskrey said she would need care for the rest of her life.

would need care for the rest of her life. Ayesha's mother, Shahana Kishver, 54, of Coventry, brought the claim against Sandwell and West Birming-ham Hospitals NHS Trust, the managers of the hospi-tal

the managers of the nospital.

The trust denied negligence of their staff had led to the infections causing brain damage but were found to be liable after a High Court trial in 2008. Recently, 13 years after Ayesha's birth, the trust agreed to pay the family £8m damages.

centre with bosses originally saying they would review it after first three months to see if it was popular.

After it emerged about 300 people a day were using it transport chiefs last week said it will be extended until April 23 when they will again look at numbers to see if it is worth continuing.

#### **Numbers**

Centro Black Country area manager Babs Coombs said that, considering December's bad weather, the service was proving popular and as long as people contin-

ued to use it in sufficient numbers it would continue. The Stourbridge Interchange, due to open in early 2012, will include a shop, improved concourse and electronic timetable boards. Demolition of old station stands is complete.

The shuttle bus operates Sam-6pm Monday-Saturday on a one way loop along Parkfield Road, Vauxhall Road, Birmingham Street, St John's Road, High Street, Market Street, Bell Street, New Street, St John's Road, Church Street and back to Parkfield Road.

#### Seasonal work is up for grabs at fun park

AROUND 250 seasonal jobs are up for grabs at a theme park in Stafford-

shire. Drayton Manor Park, Drayton Manor Park, in Tamworth, is looking to fill a range of posi-tions, including ride operators, retail and catering workers, clean-ers and ticket sales staff.

More than one million visitors use the attraction every year. Anyone interested in working at thepark can call 01827 252400 or email info@draytonmanor.co.uk

### Hospital introduces red line restrictions

car parks at Dudley's main hospital to show staff where they can and cannot

show staff where they can and cannot leave their cars as part of controversial new parking arrangements.

Workers at Russells Hall Hospital who are caught flouting the rules by parking on a red line will be fined £15. Hospital bosses said the move would prevent staff from being blocked in by other drivers and improve access routes to the car parks.

Workers would be fined as a last resort, they said. It comes after plans to introduce a parking permit scheme were thrown into chaos because of a dispute over who was allowed a space.

Companies running some hospital services have now refused to apply new parking

now been granted temporary access to the staff car parks on a first-come-first-served

basis..
But one worker, who did not wish to be named, said: "I understand the hospital is under pressure to reduce the number of people driving to work but they should be working with the staff, not against them."

working with the staff, not against them. "Painting these red lines is just going to upset them even more." Unison representative Tracy Wood said a review of the car parking arrangements was needed. Chief executive Paula Clark said: "We have taken steps to ensure that staff are no longer inconvenienced by being blocked in their spaces by other car park users and also make sure there is clear access around the car parks."





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### fire from residents and businesses. Traffic lights will be installed and red lines banning stopping put down as part of the scheme. It has started along the A461 Dudley Port and Horseley Heath in Tipton. Sandwell Council says the works are necessary but residents and businesses fear it will make their lives a misery. Joga Dhariwal, joint owner of Dhariwal's News and Off Licence in Dudley Port said: 'It will cost us.' Training jobs are

A MULTI-MILLION pound scheme to mod-ernise schools in Sandwell has created 23

created

Sandwell has created 23 apprenticeships.
They have been recruited to work for construction giant Interserve and sub contractors working on serve and sub contractors working on the borough's Building Schools for the Future

The scheme will see a number of Sandwell's secondary schools rebuilt

secondary schools rebuilt or revamped.

It was initially due to create 145 apprenticeships, however, most of these positions are now on hold after nine of Sandwell's projects were axed by the Government.

### Farmers' market folds as town support wanes

A FARMERS' market in the Black site. But the Country has folded after more market's local market's local market's local market's local market's local market's local market site. than seven years because of dwindling stall numbers and concerns

Over its site.

Sketts & Co, which has run the market in Stourbridge since 2009, confirmed the monthly event was no longer "commercially rights"

viable".

The number of stalls has fallen from more than 80 when it was first launched to just eight in recent months. The falling numbers of traders over the past year has been given as the main reason to close the

MPs in bid for new industries

A CROSS-PARTY group of West Midlands MPs has set up a new group to campaign to bring new industries and jobs to the West Midlands. Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin has organised the group and will be co-chair alongside Wyre Forest Tory MP Mark Garnier and Solihull Lib Dem MP Lorely Burt.

Big uptake by

staff on flu jab

ALMOST half of the staff

employed by the trust which runs Sandwell Hospital have received the flu vaccine this

During the 2010/11 flu

During the 2010/11 fluseason, 42 per cent of staff who work for Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust at Sandwell, City and Rowley Regis hospitals, received a flu vaccination, exceeding the trust's target of 40 per cent.

cent.
This was an increase on last year's figure of 33 per cent of staff.

winter.

site. But the organisers also blamed the market's location in Coventry Street as a contributing problem saying the street was not busy enough to boost trade.

Dudley Council said it was 'very sad' the market had folded and was eager to hear from other groups willing to take it over.

The market was operated for six years by LSD Promotions before being taken over by Sketts & Co.

Originally it also spread down Market

Originally it also spread down Market Street and Lower High Street and at its height had more than 80 stalls.

LSD bosses pulled out claiming the market could not expand in the location and uncertainty over what would happen when the nearby Crown Centre was released by the market was provided by Sketts it had around 25 stalls. This fell to just eight at the end of last year.

just eight at the end of last year.

Manager Russell Dean said: "The number of stalls has dropped off in an incredibly short space of time and we had to make a decision on whether to run it for another year.

"Part of the problem was the location. Coventry Street is not part of the town centre with a high footfall and this would obviously have been of benefit."

Mr Dean said they would consider returning to Stourbridge in the future – but only if the council could offer a better location.

#### Go-ahead for housing plan

PLANS to demilosh a derelict factory unit in Lye and build five houses in its place have been given the go-ahead.

Dudley Council planners have approved the scheme in Seymour Road subject to a number of conditions

ing ward areas and administering vaccinations in staff work areas at times that suited staff, making the vaccination more accessible. "Providing information to staff about the flu vaccine also led to an increase in uptake this year."

#### Traffic light work is under fire



June Worsey with newsagent and off licence manager Manny Singh Dhariwal

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This winter 2,163 vaccinations were administered to staff.
David Riley, occupation of the staff.

David Kiley, occupa-tional nurse manager, said: "Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust took a proactive approach this year by visit-

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### **Ring and Ride service** in £900,000 shortfall

#### Keeping fit with fancy footwork

A NEW tap dancing class is starting in Halesowen which offers a fun way to keep fit as well as learning some fancy footwork at the same time. The course is held at

Halesowen library on Monday afternoons and learners will incorporate basic tap steps into dance routines which explore dif-ferent types of music and

rhythms.
Dance teacher Anna
Fusco, who already has

Fusco, who already has classes in The course is run by Dudley Council's Adult and Community Learning Team and by the end of the 10 week course learners will be able to perform a series of basic tap steps, follow a simple dance routine and perform sequences safely.

#### Exercise

Councillor David Simms, Cabinet Member for Libraries and Adult Learn-ing, said:
"This is a fun way to exer-

"This is a fun way to exer-cise and improve fitness and also helps to improve spatial and physical aware-ness. There are lots of courses available for adult learners including other dance courses for belly dancing and ballroom and

dancing and ballroom and it's a great way to learn new skills and meet people."

The tap dancing course takes place in the Caslon Suite at Halesowen library on Mondays from 2pm to 3.30pm. To book a place contact Pat Shaw at Leasowes Community College on 01384 816287.



A LIFELINE transport service used by thousands of West Midlands pen-sioners is facing a £900,000 budget black hole.

sioners is facing a \$300,000 budget black hole. Elderly and disabled people may be charged to use the Ring and Ride service in future, or the number of trips it runs may be cut to try to plug the funding gap. Taxpayers paid £12mllion to help keep the service on the road this year. However, the seven West Midlands councils that fund the service have had to cut back on the amount they pay to run it while costs such as fuel have soared. Ring and Ride was launched in 1983 and operates around two million trips a year in the region. Passengers book their journey over the phone, giving details of where they want to be picked up and taken to, and the time they want to travel.

to be picked up and taken to, and the time they want to travel.

Bosses at West Midlands Special Needs Transport, the charity which operates Ring and Ride, and the transport authority Centro, which funds the service with money provided by the councils, are now appealing to passengers to help decide how to make those savings.

#### Important

More than 30,000 users are being sent a questionnaire asking them to vote for one of two options.

The first is to make an eight per cent The first is to make an eight per cent reduction in the number of services being run, which could see the withdrawal of some services in the evenings or other times of the day.

The alternative is to introduce charges

The alternative is to introduce charges in the form of either an annual membership fee of £36, the equivalent of 69p a week, or a single trip fare of 60p.

The service is currently free for those with a senior citizen's or disabled person's pass.

Centro's chief executive Geoff Inskip, said: "It plays an extremely important role in our region's public transport system which is why we have given the charity more than £12m this year.

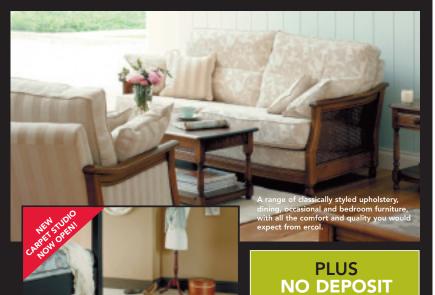
"Unfortunately, there is a pressing need for the seven West Midland councils to reduce expenditure in this period of severe financial constraint."

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#### Local health pathfinders ready



The Wyre Forest board, back from left: Clare Nock, practice manager Stourport; Dr Paul Williams, GP Kidderminster; chief officer Simon Hairsnape and chief financial officer Brian Hanford. Front: Dr Tony de Cothi, GP Kidderminster and Dr Simon Gates, GP Bewdley.

THE new organisation to have responsibility for local NHS services in the Wyre Forest has been

granted pathfinder status by the Depart-ment of Health. The Wyre Forest GP Commissioning Consor-tium (WF GPCC) is part of the national pathfind-

dum (WF GPCC) is part of the national pathfinders programme, meaning that it will test local arrangements before their formal introduction across England in 2013. WF GPCC is one of the three new Worcester-shire-based GP commissioning consortia which plan to take over from NHS Worcestershire by 2013. The pathfinders will manage their local budgets and purchase services directly. Dr Simon Gates, Chairman of the WF GPCC Board, said: "Locally we believe that these will lead to better, more responsive services

more responsive services for local people."

### Two robbers drag driver from van

TWO MEN tried to rob a delivery

After being told there was none, one of the men then went to check what was in the back of the van.

was in the back of the van.

The delivery man pushed the other
one out of the way before jumping back
into the van, which still had the engine
running, and driving off. He was not
hurt and nothing was stolen.

TWO MEN tried to rob a delivery driver after dragging him out of his van in Kidderminster.

But he escaped by knocking one of the robbers out of the way and driving off. Now police are appealing for witnesses and information after the incident in Trinity, Fields, off the Birmingham Road in Kidderminster, at about 3.45pm on January 17.

The store delivery driver, who is in its 20s, had pulled over at the side of the road when the robbers dragged him out of the van and demanded money.

After being told there was none, one

Dc Carron Chesterman said:
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Increase in crash drivers over limit

DRIVERS involved in crashes on the roads of the West Midlands are increasingly found to be over the drink-drive limit, police have warned. While the number of people failing breath tests over the Christmas period dropped overall, 5.6 per cent of drivers tested after accidents last month failed compared to 3.9 per cent in the same period the previous year. Pe Steve Rogers, of West Midlands Police, said: "While these figures show some positive results in terms of the

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total number of people testing positive for drink-driving, there is still work to be done in terms of reducing the overall number."

overall number."

Nationally, more than 200 drunk and drugged drivers were caught every day by police during the festive period campaign.

Officers in England and Wales arrested more than 6,600 drivers during the month-long initiative, the Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo) said.



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### Firm to clean up after expansion

LYE company Scot Young Research has moved to new

Research has moved to new premises to expand the business, after securing a £1.5 million funding package.

The origins of the company go back to 1954 when entrepreneur Scot Young emigrated from the UK to Canada and started a window cleaning business in Toronto, then an internal building cleaning company.

Following this success, Scot returned to the UK opening similar businesses in Glasgow and Manchester.

Further expansion followed worldwide and included opening a branch in Birmingham in 1977.

In 1985 the business switched from cleaning to the manufactur.

from cleaning to the manufactur-ing of cleaning equipment and erials

Today, SYR has three manufac-turing bases in the USA, China

and Lye, where it employs 150 people. Now, with financial support from NatWest Business and Commercial Banking, it has expanded into newly-renovated premises on Dudley Road.

The purchase has seen SYR expandit sproduction and assembly facility.

Company secretary Dec. Potential Systems (1998).

Company secretary Dave Deo said: "At SYR we pride ourselves on inventing, innovating, manufacturing and assembling cleaning equipment and materials."

#### **Excited**

He added: "This dedication has meant we have grown our cus-tomer base even during these challenging times, and have needed to find a bigger work space.
"We are very excited about the

expansion into new premises and for the business benefits it will

bring for both us and our customers.

The move brought new life to a Black Country factory, the site had been occupied by Bronx Manufacturing.

The building went on the market for £1.4 million in 2009 after the collapse of the firm after nearly 70 years at the Lye site.

About 30 workers at Bronx, which produced large machinery, were made redundant.

When the sale deal was first sealed, SYR chairman and owner Scot Young, aged 74, said he was "thrilled" the company had signed the papers and now owned the factory. factory.
"This is a huge step forward for

the local economy," he said at the time. "We are a company which is getting stronger and stronger and this move is a result of that. We need a bigger site."



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turned out to see a Govern-ment planning inspector carry out a final site visit the town where the before a decision is made on original was proposals to build 39 houses after res

petore a decision is made on proposals to build 39 houses on green space in Hagley. A decision on the scheme had been expected last week but was delayed to allow one last visit. Planning inspector Ruth Mackenzie was joined by representatives from developers Kite and Billingham to look around the site last Wednesday. Residents stood around the entrance of the land between Brook Crescent and Western Road when she arrived. Paul Thatcher, aged 57, of Brook Crescent, said villagers went along because they wanted to make an impact ahead of the verdict.

#### **Demolished**

He said: "We are all opposed to these plans because they are completely wrong for the area and we want to make that clear."

Residents told her that the local infrastructure would not be able to cope with the extra houses, and said there would be increased traffic and doctors' surgeries would be over-subscribed. But Ms Mackenzie said she

could not discuss any planning issues with them as she could only take into account written

#### anchor's future is settled

PLANS are under way

the town where the original was made after residents demanded it be returned.

Confusion surrounded the future of the anchor when council chiefs gave conflicting messages over plans to move it to Netherton.

The 18ft-long anchor is currently on display at the Black Country Living Museum in Tipton Road, Dudley, after it was paraded through Netherton last year.

Residents of Netherton, home to the factory where the original anchor was built, have been calling for the replica to be returned there ever since.

Last month. Deputy

Last month, Deputy
Dudley Council Leader
Councillor Les Jones
sparked outrage by suggesting it might be better for tourism if it was left at

for tourism if it was left at the museum.

But now it has been revealed that plans are being made to set up a permanent home for it in Netherton.

Dudley Council spokesman Chris Howes said: "We are currently working up proposals to

responses.

An appeal has been submitted by developers after original plans were rejected by Bromstrove District Council.

Of the homes on the site, 16 would be two-bedroom and 23 four-bedroom.

A house in Brook Crescent, which had been bought by developers Billingham and fixtee, would be demolished as part of the plans.

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### **Golden memories for** school's big milestone

IT was cheers all around as pupils and staff kicked off a golden year of celebrations for a Black Country school.

Top politicians and former pupils will be among visitors at High Arcal School, Sedgley, to help mark its 50th anniver-

sary.
Staff have been delving back into the the school, in High Arcal Drive, through the decades. School trips, advances in classroom technology and everyday life in a busy comprehensive will be remem-bered over the next 12 months.

One highlight marking the milestone will be a Question Time-style debate based on the TV show on Friday, February 11 of 2007.

based on the TV show on Friday, February 11 at 2pm.
On the panel will be Lorely Burt, Liberal Democrat MP for Solihull, and Andrew Griffiths, Tory MP for Burton and Uttoxeter, who both attended High Areal School Arcal School.

Ian Austin, Labour MP for Dudley



Pupils walk past the school sign at High Arcal School during 1989

support staff who have dedicated their

careers to the school.

Among the longest serving are business manager and former head of music Barry Kitto with 37 years service, head of Himley school house and RE teacher Liz Katic with 30 years and senior laboratory technician Rick Foxall who has

also been at the school for three decades. Mr Kitto said: "There has always been

North, will complete the political line-up

to ensure balance.

An exhibition putting the history of High Arcal under the spotlight is being held on July 8 with a formal evening dinner being served up for both past and present students and staff on October 1.5.

The series of celebrations have been designed to bring back former students to reminisce about their time in the reminisce about their time in the a good atmosphere here and it's assroom.

High Arcal boasts many teaching and the grandchildren of your past pupils. It

is testament to what we do here that families want their children to come here."

The school was opened in September 1961 as a mixed grammar school with pupils drawn from Sedgley and Coseley. Rugby was a mainstay in the sporting curriculum with many successful teams with achievements continuing to this day with the girls' football team winning a regional title last year.

With the abolition of grammar schools, The High Arcal School was reborn as a comprehensive in September 1975.

Rapid change has taken place to

1975.
Rapid change has taken place to transform the school into the modern specialist science school it has become in recent years. In 1993 High Arcal changed to grant-maintained status which funded a series of long-standing improvements to facilities.
New science laboratories, modern language classrooms and music and drama studios were built in quick succession over the following decade.

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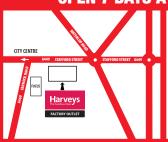
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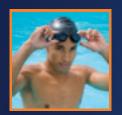
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### All in it together? Who are they trying to kid?

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THIS year is clearly going to be a critical one for the economy. Growth is in the balance, unemployment is going back up, and jobs, businesses and homes are again under threat.

Unemployment stands at 2.5 million. Earlier in the year,

unemployment had been falling, but the figures published last week showed a rise of

week showed a rise of 49,000.

There are five unemployed people for every job vacancy that's advertised. And whilet the

job vacancy that's adver-tised. And whilst the number of vacancies has risen slightly in recent months, it only takes the numbers back to the level they were at the time of the election. The number of unem-ployed young people looking for work is at its highest since the figures were first collected

were first collected almost twenty years

and investment in new housing.
It also meant last year's deficit came in £20 billion lower than previously forecast.
Now we are seeing the first signs of what the Conservative-led government's decisions are having on the economy.
The fact is cuts which go too far and too fast will damage our economy. And shrinking growth and rising unemployment is not only bad news for families, but will actually make it more difficult to get the deficit down.
Unemployment in the

Unemployment in the West Midlands fell at the start of the year by 19,000. But guess what



ago. I'm afraid there is not much encouraging news about the number of jobs being created either.

either.

The government's dangerous cuts are beginning to bite with public sector employment falling by 33,000 but there was no boost in private sector employment to make up for it.

And whilst the number of redundancies exterted follow in Fabru.

started falling in February, they jumped by 14,000 to 157,000 towards the end of last

year.
On top of all that families are feeling the pinch with average pay up 2.1 per cent while retail prices index infla-

retail prices index infla-tion is up at 4.8 per cent. And it will really hit home when teachers, nurses, police officers, firefighters and other public sector workers are hit with a pay freeze and millions of middle-income households lose child benefit and tax credits. It's no wonder

Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views on issues that

matter

people are not hitting the shops.
December had the worst figures for retail sales since 1998 – worse even than during the recession and that was before they increased VAT at the start of the year.

year. All this – before April when the cuts really kick in

#### **Bonuses**

None of this will worry the super-rich multi-millionaires like multi-millionaires like
David Cameron and
George Osborne now
running the country, but
it's a disaster for hardworking low and middle
income families in a
place like Dudley.
All init together? Who
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They're allowing
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#### Photographers in the frame with new exhibition



From left, John Smith, Mike Edwards, who won best picture, and Rick Williams

#### Hundreds of pictures showcased

FROM canal scenes to an aerial display by the Red Arrows keen amateur photographers in the Black Country are showcasing the best of their work.

Hundreds of pictures taken both home and abroad are showcased in the annual exhibition by Dudley Camera Club.

The club has more than 40 members with several people joining its ranks this year. Around 170 photographs adorn the walls of Dudley Museum and Art Gallery while a further 130 are projected onto a large screen as part of the exhibition.

Winner of the best overall image this year was 74-year-old Mike Edwards with his picture called Page with a red hat. Mr Edwards, from Sedgley, also claimed a prize for his image called Italian Students which was highly commended by judges.

Among those whose work is taking pride of place in the exhibition is retired engineer John Smith, aged 72, from Wolverhampton Road, Sedgley, who has been a member for six years.

His pictures include a snow scene taken while on holiday in north Wales in November.

The exhibition runs until March 5. For

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'Girl in an Alcove' won best picture



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### Henry playing on the stage of his life to weave a bit of magic

DETERMINED to put the magic back into his life, comic Lenny Henry per-formed a new trick for the New Year – show The Magicians – an experience which drew an illusory line under a tough time. "My sister

tough time.

"My sister-in-law died, my brother-in-law died, my mum passed away, my niece died and my nephew died. Plus my marriage ended," the Dudley-born comic says

riage ended," the Dudley-born comic says frankly.

The 52-year-old comedian, whose divorce from Dawn French was finalised in October, says that during those years he threw himself into work – and studying.

He achieved an MA in screenwriting from Royal Holloway last summer, is now starting a PhD and has been commissioned to write a film about basketball.

He's also in talks to tread the boards again after his acclaimed turn as Othello in 2009, is presenting the new BBC One show The Magicians and is about to start his first stand-up tour for three years, Lenny Henry: Cradle To Rave – which stops off in his home town of Dudley on February 2.

So when does he have time to sleep?

#### Reservations

"That's what my wife said! It's very tough, but my daughter understands and my wife has been very supportive," he says, referring to his marriage in the present tense, although the couple are no longer together.
"All these things are about applied time – using time to get better at it," he adds.

together.

"All these things are about applied time – using time to get better at it," he adds.

Henry admits he had reservations about taking on the role of host of The Magicians, mainly because he's about to embark on his stand-up tour.

"I went to meet the producer prepared not to do this show because I'm going on a 67-date tour.

"But I was sitting in this lunch meeting and by dessert, I was like, I think I'm doing a magic show."

Filming in front of a 500-strong audience on a specially constructed stage at Pinewood Studios appealed to the little boy inside Henry, who was "far too lazy and poor" to buy magic books as a child.
"I can't believe how much I like magic – it's embarrassing. Paul Daniels does this

**Dudley-grown** comic Lenny Henry is hitting the road for a stand-up tour -Cradle To Rave - a journey that's guaranteed to strike a chord with local music-lovers



elephant vanishing trick you can see on Youtube, it's phenomenal!"

As a young comic, Henry had the opportunity to work with the infamous magician for two weeks: "He wasn't the slightly nafly Paul Daniels you know now, he was a really hip comedian — comedian first, magician second, but a brilliant magician. He had great funny lines for the audience and was very skilful."

Magic is so much a part of Henry's life that he almost used it as the theme for his new stand-up show, but it lost out narrowly to music.

new stand-up show, but it lost out narrowly to music.

Called Cradle To Rave, the show, which starts touring this month, charts his relationship to music and the impact it's had on him.

"Music has consumed me throughout my life," he says, earnestly, admitting to having 28 days worth of music on his iPod.

"It's been there at every juncture, from going to the Priory for a week — the canteen's like Stars in Their Eyes — to my mum dying and my parents never singing lullabies to me when I was a kid, mainly

because my dad was really miserable. The crux of the show is that I was always too busy 'playing' to learn the piano or magic tricks.

"I was a child of the Sixties and Seven-

"I was a child of the Sixtues and Seven-ties and it's amazing how good those decades were for music," he adds.
"We had the Beatles and the Stones.
What have we got now? Tinchy Stryder. I like him, but he's no Otis Redding."
To make amends for his errant child-hood, Henry has been learning to play the piano for the past decade.

#### Voice

"I started on the same day as my daughter when I was 40 and she was seven. She wouldn't sit at the piano, she wouldn't alk to the teacher, she would lie on the floor and do anything but play the piano. "But now she can play anything, she's got a beautiful voice and I'm still going, Is that an F? That's a flat."

Lenny Henry: Cradle To Rave comes to Dudley Concert Hall on February 2 and Wolverhampton Civic on March 10.

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### Merger of **libraries** is planned

AMASS MERGER of all library services in the

AMASS MERGER of all library services in the Black Country could save the region more than £1million a year, it has emerged.

Council bosses from the four Black Country authorities will hold meetings over the coming months to discuss the potential for a single, centrally controlled library service.

Initial estimates put potential savings at \$230,000 a year per council. A feasibility study is already under way. Dudley Council's cabinet

number for libraries Councillo David Simms said: "When you combine a number of services, there will obviously be some overlap. "Jobs going would probably be where some of the thousands of savings come from. "But if we can make

"But if we can make the library service more efficient and cost-effec-tive, we won't have to close any more."

**Proposal** 

If agreed, the plan would come into action by 2013. Afull proposal is expected by the end of March.

#### Dare to bare at the gym

GYM members in Dudley have bared all for charity calendars to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Trust.
Kelly Tittley – or Miss
March – is one of the
brains behind the operation.
She managed to

brains behind the operation.

She managed to recruit 24 members and staff from the David Lloyd Leisure Centre in Pensnett Road, Brierley Hill, to pose nude with modesty protected by strategically-placed gymequipment.

The news comes days after Walsall Council said it will close six of its said to suffice to save £1.5million. Discussions are also under council sum of the c

strategically-piaceu gyin equipment.

She started fundraising last year alongside sister-in-law Mia Hales, whose daughter Lauren, aged six, has cystic fibrocussions are also under way at Sandwell.

In 2007 Dudley Council said it would close five libraries and replace them with four smaller "library links".

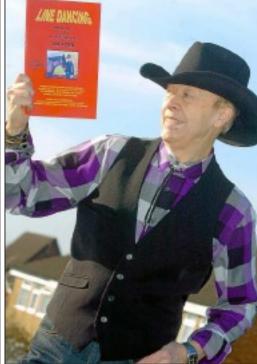
A report from the Society of Chief Librarians in November found that a West Midlandswide library service would not be feasible but commissioned a further review to examine the possibility of sharing back-office functions.

aged six, has cystic fibrosis.

"I'm so proud of everyone who took part," said mother-of-three Mrs Tittley, aged 35, of New Birmingham Road, Tividala

dale.
The calendars – one featuring men, the other women – are now on sale in the centre and at local

#### Class taking its first steps



Author Nigel Rider who is running new line dancing classes at St Michael's Church Centre, in Maynards Avenue, Stourbridge

MOVERS and groovers are being urged to pull on their dancing shoes for a new line dancing class in Stour-

The sessions, at St Michael's Church in Norton, are planned for each Monday between 7.15pm and

each Munusy ...... A45pm.
The class is being run by line dance expert Nigel Rider, of Rokewood Close, Kingswinford.
He's not just a fan of dancing – he is

so enthusiastic that he has written a book on the subject which contains no fewer than 25 choreographed dances. Mr Rider said: "I love line-dancing and I love teaching it." and I love teaching it."

He promised that the sessions he

wants to run would involve a variety wants to run would invoive a variety of musical styles and they were suitable for complete beginners.

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ATTRACTIVE 40yr old female, brunette slim, trendy, no ties, high morals, seeks slim male for friendship/relationship. Te No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 316619

HELEN 38, one child, blonde hair, 5ft 6ins, slim, attractive, likes swimming, dancing, seeks male, 43-53 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 ship, maybe more. Tel 6562 Box No: 331399

ATTRACTIVE female, 42, slim, brunette, no ties, N/S, likes travel, nights out, weekends away, seeks slim male for possible relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327579

CONFIDENT full figured and all woman, likes cosy nights in with that special person, looking for friendship maybe more. Age/looks unimportant. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 356133

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ATTRACTIVE nurse, 48, 5ft 6ins, cine-ma, walks, country, WLTM attractive male of similar age for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 341479

SLIM attractive, self sufficient lady, 44, GSOH, seeks special male, 35-50 to share evening in/out, theatre, possible relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 351813 🗒

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LADY 76, N/S, caring, respectable, WLTM gentleman, 70-76 for outings, holidays, day trips and friendship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 340021

ATTRACTIVE slim female, 64, divorced, truthful, 5ft 3ins, modern, young at heart, seeks genuine, nice looking, clean male, 57-67. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 338315

60YR old lady, young at heart, divorced, medium build, likes kisses, cuddles, seeks gent, 50-61 with GSOH and similar likes. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 334627

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WHITE curvy female 33, GSOH, likes No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 325939



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BRUNETTE attractive lady 38, seeks male, large build for friendship/relation-ship. Telford. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 354117

SINGLE mum, new to area, red hair, blue eyes, slim, seeks handsome guy blue eyes, slim, seeks handsome of 30-40 for friendship, maybe more. No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 346715

ATTRACTIVE slim blonde, 45, seeks

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FEMALE 40's, 5ft 6ins, brunette, seeks nice, caring, loving, fun gent, 30-45 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 329019

MAGS 62, N/S, likeminded, GSOH, 5ft 4ins, brown hair, slightly podgy, likes meals out, countryside, days out, nights in, seeks gent, 55-67 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 328787

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YOUNG looking male, 50, seeks dark haired female, 20-45. Tel No: 0905 436 haired female, 20-45. Tel 6562 Box No: 357745

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MALE 39, honest, GSOH, N/S, likes nights in/out, seeks kind hearted female to share good times with. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 356771

MARK 47, 5ft 6ins, medium build, toned, likes cooking, socialising, football, seeks lady, 50-55 for good times/LTR. Wolverhampton. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 354845 6666

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41YR old professional male, seeks attractive, mature female, 50-70 for relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box tionship. Tel N No: 355637 ANDY hurt in past, seeks likeminded female for fun. Tel No: 0905 436 6562

KIDDERMINSTER man, 55, 6ft, slim, handsome, honest, true Knight, seeks Princess for happiness, romance and fun. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No:

Box No: 340077

MALE 45, seeks female, 25-45 for regular, casual relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 355019 ∰

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### Keep gardening diary of success and failure

A NEW year brings new beginnings in all our lives and especially in our gardens. It's time to take stock of last year to see what went well and learn what we can do better this season. I'm full of optimism for 2011, writes John Clowes. The positive uplift that gardening provides, together with the benefit of regular exercise, will see me investing more time in the garden and on the allotment.

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Hopefully all families will be doing the
same – especially if there are children to
teach. Keeping notes of successes and
failures provides good pointers for better
results this year.

My successes include a great crop of
carrots that had little damage from carrot
root fly. This proves that 1 m walls of clear
plastic do prevent the flying females from
laying their eggs and ruining my carrot
crop.

Just four plants of yellow courgettes
(T&M F1 Hybrid 'Soleil') weren't prolific
enough for the kitchen and I must grow two
or three green ones to boost total yields.

Stringless

#### **Stringless**

They were completely unaffected by mildew, but perhaps they needed some extra feeding with Miracle-Gro Fruit & Vegetable Plant Food.

etable Plant Food.

My climbing French beans, Sultana, proved worth their weight in gold. They cropped well during the warm weather of June and July producing mountains of long, tender and stringless pencil-podded beans.

beans.
Only by the end of August were the pink-flowered runner beans Celebration producing anything like the same amount.
Family and neighbours agreed the French beans were the best they had tasted. They are on my seed list again this year, as will be butternut squash Cobnut that produced good winter squash that ripened and stored well.



French beans Sultana proved popular with family and friends

Japanese anemones make a great flower display in the autumn, but standard vari-

Japanese anemones make a great flower display in the autumn, but standard varieties grow to quite a size that is too big for most narrow flower beds. That's why the compact variety Pretty Lady Diana'was a great addition in my garden. So too was Thompson & Morgan's first-ever red rudbeckia, Cherry Brandy.

Shrub discovery of 2010 was
Loropetalum chinense Fire Dance. This relative of the witch hazel is evergreen with plenty of small heart-shaped leaves plum red in colour that carry along its stems deep pink spidery flowers. It seems to bloom all summer through from March to October, although the textbooks will tell you it produces most blooms in spring. The books will also say it will grow to 1 - 2m tall, although my plant is spreading outwards, rather than upwards, and makes a wonderful ground-hugging display.

And on to the reverse side of the garden-

ing coin - here are some of the 'not so good' results from 2010. All my sowings of rocket leaves were affected badly by flea beetle that drilled holes into every leaf. making all unsuitable for the salad bowl.

Next year I will try to grow undamaged leaves in pots on the patio using Miracle-Gro All Purpose Compost.

Purple sprouting broccoli this year was disappointing as the pigeons ate more of the crop than the family. That's because the netting has developed holes over the years and must be replaced. Pests must be excluded totally if you are to get a half decent crop.

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proud of.
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#### Lifetime

Bathrooms and cloakrooms are also hard to keep fresh. Tiled floors are easy to keep clean, very smart looking and don't mind if you don't quite shut the shower door. For extra luxury add undertile heating. It is surprisingly inexpensive and easy to install. You can put floor tiles on most suspended wooden floors – consult a member of The Tile Association. And with it being that time of year again everybody is looking for a bargain. Here are a few tips on buying tiles in the sales. Always buy more tiles than you need.

Always buy more tiles than you need.
You should slightly over estimate anyway for breakages and cuts but think to the Tiles can last a lifetime and in five years a new bath, a new shower screen or new radi ators can leave small gaps. Tiles bought in

the sales are unlikely to be available again.
Mix and match. You can buy small quantities of different tiles and create panels, stripes or a chequerboard effect.

effect.
Choose a bold statement tile and create an accent panel or feature wall using cheaper plain tiles as the background. Choose vibrant metallic or glass borders that aren't in the sale and team with plain coloured tiles from the bargain section. Work your scheme out carefully before you buy and do make sure that the tiles are the same size and thickness.

Mosaic tiles come on a mesh background and can be easily cut into strips to make a border of any width you like. You can team these with large format white tiles for a very stylish bathroom. Buy more of the mosaic and create an accent wall over the bath, in the shower or above the basin with a mirror

Buy decorated tiles and panels for your kitchen and team with cheaper plain tiles. kitchen and team with cheaper plain tiles. Once again do be sure they are the same size. For a really minimalist look choose white tiles for your kitchen walls and use a bright primary colour just behind the hob. You can often find plain tiles in size 100x200mm left over from commercial projects. Working it out carefully you can create brick effect, herringbone and basket weave

Mixing tiling by using it horizontally and vertically can be a really effective (www.bathroomtilesdesigns.com)

patters to name just three. The brick effect looks really good in deep colours used half way up a wall in a hall way. Top with a border and a moulding in tile or wood and you have an almost indestructible surface on a wall that gets lots of hard wear.

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Reliable

On floors use the herringbone and basket weave patterns to make plain floor tiles look special. For a very rustic look choose a chequerboard floor in red and black or forown and black unglazed tiles or choose black and white for a more Victorian effect. Select carefully and plan beforehand and you can add lasting value to your home at sales prices.

For more information on using tiles go to www.tiles.org.uk. It is the website of The Tile Association which represents all aspects of the wall and floor tile industry in the UK, from manufacture to installation. There you can download a copy of the DIY guide "Tile it Right", find a reputable tile supplier and find a reliable and experienced tile fixer.

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### Warming to ways of cutting heating bills

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lowed by a hike in the VAT rate. And now the good news: The inside of your home does not have to resemble an igloo as you try to cut back on heating to save money.

NHBC, the leading home warranty and insurance provider for new homes in the UK, offers advice on how you can prepare your home for the chilly days still ahead and enjoy a toasty warm home while keeping costs down.

 Insulating your home is key. New homes are built to higher insulation standards and have more efficient heating systems which are kinder to the environment and mean lower heating bills. However, if your home is older, it's important to insulate where possible - double glazing, loft and cavity wall insulation are all good

ways of trapping warmth in the home. Lined curtains at the windows and also on front and back doors reduce drafts and keep heat in.

One of the most obvious and easiest ways you can cut your fuel bill is to turn the temperature down, (ideally keep temperatures between 21 and 24 degrees centigrade though) however, reducing the temperature by 1oC could reduce your heating costs by 10 per cent.

• Heating system – it is important that all gas boilers are serviced once a year, so find out when your boiler was last checked. Contact a Gas Safe certified installer (Gas Safe Register replaced the CORGI gas reg-ister in 2009) to carry out an annual check and to make sure you are getting the most from your heating system.

• Radiators – are they cold at the top but hot at the bottom? If so, the likely cause is trapped air, which should be released using the valve at the top of the radia-tor. Also, leave radiators and heaters uncovered – most heat comes from the top of a radiator so let them work as efficiently as

 Keep doors closed. It is important to isolate the warm air in your rooms by keeping internal doors shut whenever possible -especially if they open onto areas like the hallways which have outside doors that can create a 'cold zone'.



Small savings can mount up and keep those energy bills down

- Shut your curtains it may not seem like a big step but air trapped between the curtains and windows will act as a buffer between cool window panes and the warmth of the room, saving money on your
- Be energy aware remember to switch lights off when you leave a room. Turn off the heating if you open your windows and avoid using the stand-by option on electrical appliances.
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tive.

We all want to look and feel great and live happy, healthy lives - and we all know that eating well, along with regular exercise, boosts energy levels and helps keep us in the best of health. But busy lifestyles may mean that good intentions often go by the wayside. Making use of the convenience of nutritious canned foods is one way to making enjowing a healthy diet easier than it. making enjoying a healthy diet easier than it might seem - especially with the increasing range of low sugar, fat and salt canned food available on supermarket shelves. Check out receipe ideas on ww.cannedfood.co.uk Here are a few to get you started.

#### Baked Potatoes with Salmon and Chive Mayo Filling

A must-have lunchtime snack for all almon lovers that fills you up for lunch. 10 minutes to prepare. Serves 3-4.

Ingredients: 3 - 4 baking potatoes, olive oil and sea salt, 2 x 213g tins of red salmon, 150 ml of mayonnaise, 1-2 tsp of lemon juice, 2 tbsp chopped chives, salt and pepper

Method: Oven 200C/400F/Gas Mark 6

with sea salt. Place on middle shelf of pre-heated oven and bake for 1-2 hours. For filling, drain tins of salmon and break into chunks and place in a bowl with mayon-naise, lemon juice, chives and seasoning and gently combine together. Cut open the baked potatoes and fill with salmon mayon-naise.

#### American Style Beans with Corn Dumplings

This American inspired dish has a variety of tastes and textures, making it a tasty teatime treat. 45 minutes to prepare and cook. Serves 4-6.



Ingredients: 1

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tbsp olive oil, 3 sticks celery, chopped, 4
rashers lean smoked bacon, chopped, 1
large onion, chopped, 432g can baked
beans, 432g can pinto beans, drained and
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rinsed, 300g can cherry tomatoes, 2
tsp tomato puree, 1 tbsp Worcestershire
sauce, salt and freshiy ground black pepser
r75g (6 oz) pi flour, ½ tsp salt, 1 level teaspoon baking powder, ½ tsp bicarbonate of
soda, 115g (4 oz) commeal or fine semolina,
225ml (8 floz) natural yoghurt, 2 large eggs,
beaten, 3 tsp melled butter, 200g can
sweetcorn, drained, 2 tsp Tabasco sauce,
85g (3 oz) mature cheddar cheese, grated.

Method: In saucepan, heat oil and fry celery, bacon and onion until lightly coloured. Add beans, frankfurters, cherry tomatoes, tomato puree and Worcestershire sauce to pan and stir together well. Bring to boil and simmer gently for 10 minutes. Season with salt and plenty of freshly ground black pepper. Preheat the oven to Gas Mark 6, 200C, 400F. Stir together flour, salt, baking powder and bicarbonate of

soda in large mixing bowl. Stir in semolina or cornmeal and set to one side. In smalle bowl, beat together yoghurt, milk, eggs, bowl, beat together yoghurt, milk, eggs, melted butter, sweetcom and Tabasco sauce. Stir this into lour mixture briefly, taking care not to over-mix. Transfer cooked beans into a 2 litre (3 ¼ pint) shallow oven-proof dish. Using dessertspoon, spoon dumpling mixture evenly over top of beans covering most of surface. Scatter over cheese and bake in preheated oven for 15-20 minutes or until the dumplings have risen and are golden brown

#### Apple Pancakes with Toffee and Custard

This indulgent treat is perfect for those with a sweet tooth.10 minutes to prepare and cook. Serves 4.

Ingredients: angredients: 395g can apple pie filling, 425g can custard, 250g plain flour, 4



Method: To make pancakes, sift flour into large bowl with pinch of salt. Make well in centre and add eggs and little of milk. Whisk together until well mixed. Whisking continuously, add remaining milk, sugar and Calvados. Heat 25cm non-stick frying pan and lightly oil base. Add enough batter into hot pan to cover base. Heat for 45-55 seconds on each side, until golden. Keep pancakes warm. Pour apple filling into pan, add toffee. Heat gently until just simmering but not boiling. Pour custard into small pan and heat gently for 2-3 minutes until just simmering. Spoon custard onto half pancake and top with apple filling. Fold pancake over and serve.

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pastries, light lunch, a three-course meal with wine or even a spot of retail therapy.

The restaurant offers an array of authentic Italian dishes, from delicious antipasti and fresh handmade pasta, to seasonal fish, meat and vegetarian mains and decadent desserts, with two courses setting you back as little as £15.

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The deli is brimming with freshly-made dishes available for lunch on-the-go including tasty ciabatha sandwiches, piadina (Italian flat bread), light salads and other dishes. Head to the food shop to browse shelves with Italian oil, wines, coffee, biscuits, pastas, polenta, rice, antipasti, sauces and handmade sweets.

Despite the fact that it is relatively the 'new kid on the block' it is proving very popular. One lovely touch is that the food is available to take out or if you want to eat in you can pick one of the lovely pastries you see on the way in to go with your coffee at the end of your meal. This what we opted to after a busy shopping afternoon and before we went to a show.

It was a cold day and the restaurant was lovely and warm and very spacious so no-one can listen in to your conversation and the service is very attentive. Our waitress Georgia was quickly on hand answering any questions we had and pointing us to the



Exterior and (inset) interior views of Carluccio's

views of Carluccio's
specials boards. She also
kept a regular check on our
table to see that used plates
were taken away promptly.
We tried the soups, parsnip
and pea and ham, both
served piping hot with ciabatta followed by sea bream
and steak, both served with
roasted potatoes. There are
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to relax before a show Manager Mark Titley is very enthusiastic

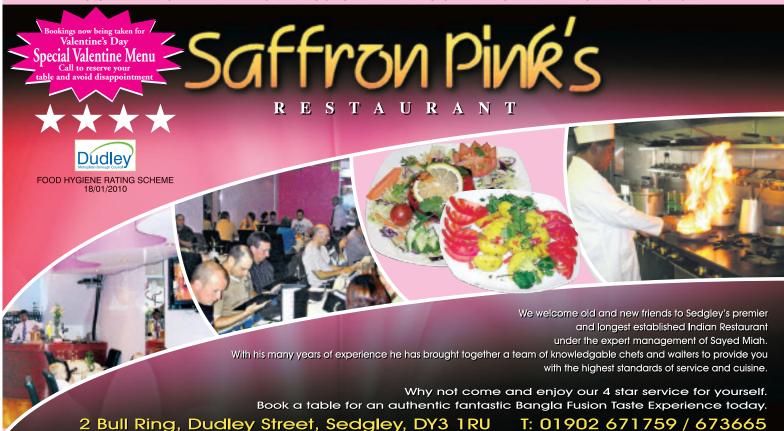
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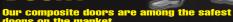
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## SANDYFIELDS ROAD

three bedroom detached bungalow that briefly comprises: Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining area, kitchen, three good sized bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC double glazing (where stated), gas-fired central heating, garage and a rear garden

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# **GORNAL WOOD**



# **EAST STREET**

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises: Reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, utility room, downstairs wc, master room, downstairs wc, master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, family bathroom, double glazing, gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden with distant views.

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A three bedroom mid-terraced home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a conservatory, a verandah, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, allocated parking to the front of the property and a delightful rear garden.

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# LOWER GORNAL



# **GARDEN WALK**

A three bedroom detached cottage that briefly comprises a split-level lounge with an inglenook fireplace, a spacious dining kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, gas central heating, off road parking and a small walled garden

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# **LOWER GORNAL**



# WINSCAR CROFT

two bedroom end of terraced home that briefly comprises: Reception porch, lounge, a magnificent fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated two bedrooms reappointed bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, driveway and a pleasant rear garden

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# TO LET



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# ALDERDALE AVENUE

A four bedroom detached bungalow that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen, a conservatory, four bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating and a pleasant rear garden

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A three bedroom mid terrraced home that briefly comprises: Reception porch. reception hall, guest cloakroom, spacious lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen, storage area, three bedrooms, stated), gas-fired central heating and a

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# SOVERFIGN HEIGHTS

This lovely two bedroomed first floor apartment is available to let. This fashionable accommodation boasts a large lounge with French windows, fully fitted kitchen, a double bedroom, a single bedroom and a family bathroom. There is allocated parking and secure access. This apartment would suit a professional couple or single. Viewing

£475 pcm



**BRELADES CLOSE** 

A five bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a breakfast room/study, a fitted room, a breakfast room/study, a fitted kitchen with a feature Range oven, a utility room, a downstairs wc, five bedrooms a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden that backs onto local parkland

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# WOODSETTON



# **BROOK STREET**

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge, an open plan dining kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, gas fired central heating, a garage and a delightful rear garden.

£139,950

# **UPPER GORNAL**



# GIDEONS CLOSE

A two bedroom semi detached home porch, a lounge, a dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom, gas fired central heating, double glazing, a driveway and

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# UPPER GORNAL

A delightful one bedroom first floor flat set in idyllic surroundings with beautiful open views. The flat has been tastefully decorated and boasts a modern bathroom and kitchen with appliances. There is a good sized double bedroom and equally substantial living area, would suit single person or professional couple. The property is obes to all amenities and the the flat has to offer we recommend viewing.

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  bathroom
- ★ Upvc double mglazing. Gas central heating
   ★ Garage and block paved driveway
   ★ Viewing highly recommended

# Offers in the region of £219,999



# SOUTHALL CRESCENT

- ★ Impressive and spacious 4 bed detached bungalow
- ungalow ." shaped lounge and dining room eautifully fitted kitchen & conserva aster bedroom with en-suite
- Three further bedrooms and family bathro Double garage with parking for several
- ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

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# BARNES MEADOW PLACE

- ★ An ideal spacious family home with lots of living space
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- ★ Good sized private rear garden with sunny

# OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £245,000



## RICHBOROUGH DRIVE

- ★ Luxuriously appointed detached home on a private plot
  ★ Enhanced to provide contemporary style accommodation
- Lounge and seperate dining room Breakfast kitchen and utility with integrated
- appliances
  Four bedrooms, ensuite to master
  Modern family bathroom, downstairs cloakroon
  Garage and driveway parking for 3/4 cars

# OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £237,500



SEDGLEY

# Private rear garden with delightful open aspect views of the countryside

- aspect views or the countryside

  \* Impressive and deceptively spacious

  \* Large open plan style dining room and lounge

  \* Kitchen \* Guest cloakroom

  \* Four bedrooms, with en-suite to master

  \* Garage and driveway parking

  \* Great potential with this property

# OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £230,000

# **GORNAL WOOD**



# LOUISE STREET

- beautininy presented detached pro-superb garden Walking distance to Gornal village Large lounge/dining room Kitchen, utility, guest cloakroom Four bedrooms

- rn bathroom with seperate sho
- ★ UPVC double glazing (majority) & central heating
  ★ Garage & block paved driveway
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# FLAMBOROUGH WAY

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- Two reception rooms ★ Conservatory (20'long),

  Master bedroom with an arrive to
- \*\* Wor reception from a \*\* Occasionary (20 long),
   \*\* Master bedroom with en-suite shower room
   \*\* Luxurious bathroom, fitted units, a steam shower & jacuzzi bath
   \*\* Superb gardens with sunny aspect.
   \*\* Viewing is essential to appreciate this property

# OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £215,000

# BROWNSWALL .SEDGLEY



# DUMBLEBERRY AVENUE

- most desirable extended semi-detached on the upular Brownswall estate o spacious reception rooms ★ Breakfast

- ★ Two spacious reception rooms ★ Breakfast kitchen
   ★ Gas central heating
   ★ Recently installed UPVC double glazing (majority
   ★ Three double bedrooms
- ★ Three double bedrooms
   ★ Garage and off road parking
   ★ Well maintained rear garden
   ★ Viewing highly recommended

# OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £195,000

# COSELEY



# FLAMBOROUGH WAY

- edroom detached property, cul-de-sad
- rocation, some updating required.

  r Close to Coseley village and convenient for main road transport links

  r Two reception rooms, kitchen, utility, guest cloakroom
- Four bedrooms, ensuite to master
- Gas central heating Pleaseant rear gardens Garage and off road part

# OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £187,000

# TIPTON



- WOODCROFT AVENUE ally well presenteded3 bedro
- ★ Extended downstairs accommodation
- ★ Two reception rooms ★ Study
  ★ Kitchen, utility. ★ Downstairs cloakroom
  ★ Upvc double glazing, gas central heating
  ★ Immaculately maintained large rear garden, sunny

ASKING PRICE £175,000

SEDGLEY

# **SEDGLEY**



- NORTHWAY
- A well maintained 3 bed semi-detached dorme

- Excellent location with impressive views
  Lounge, kitchen, shower room
  Two bedrooms on ground floor
  Spacious first floor bedroom, potential for e
  Gas central heating,upvo d glazed (majority)
  Garage and driveway parking
  NO UPWARD CHAIN

# **LOWER GORNAL**



- MANOR DRIVE
- Delighfully positioned detached bungalow on larg
- Potential for extending/ building plot subject to
- relevant consents
  Two bedrooms and bathroom
  Kitchen to the front
  Gas central heating, double gla:
  Garage with utility area
  Secluded rear partien

# OFFERS IN THE REGION OF \$160.00



- PAGET CLOSE An extremely well presented semi- detached in a
- quiet cul-de-sac location
- ★ Generous sized accommodation
- ★ Three bedrooms fiited wardobes in bedroom one

# ★ Upvc double glazing, gas central heating OFFERS IN THE REGION OF \$157.50

# **LOWER GORNAL**



- THE ALLEY
- A tradional three bedroomed semi-detached in quiet location at the head of a cul-de-sac and close to the nature reserve
- and cluse to the nature reserve
  Good sized lounge overlooking rear garden
  Dining kitchen, side lobby and hallway
  Gas central heating and upvc double glazing
  Pleasant tiered rear garden with a sunny
  position
- Garage and off road parking OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £149.950

LOWER GORNAL

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BOUNDARY HILL

Beautifully presented town house, close to Gornal

Village

★ Four bedrooms

★ Rear garden

Lounge, good sized kitchen

Bathroom & shower room

★ Double glazing & gas central heating

# COSELEY



- MINITH ROAD
- home ★ Refurbished & enhanced to provided high standard accommodation
  - off Three bedrooms
    - Private rear garden Garage & off road parking OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £144,950



- THE VISTA
- A semi-detached on a large corner plot Spacious lounge and kitchen
- Outhouse providing utility and cloakroom
  Three large bedrooms
- Gas central heating, part double glazed
  POTENTIAL BUILDING PLOT (subject to

# planning consent) ★ OFFERS CONSIDERED FOR PLOT ONLY OFFERS IN THE REGION OF \$139,950

# OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £164.95



- PAUL STREET
- A beautifully presented town house with a Dining kitchen and lounge
- Two bedrooms, ensuite to master Family bathroom ★ Downstairs

# cloakroom r Upvc double glazing & Gas central heating r Well maintained rear garden, sunny aspect r Block paved driveway, parking for 2 cars OFFERS IN THE REGION OF \$132,500



# HIGHFIELD ROAD

- ★ Lounge kitchen with dining area off
- \* Rear lobby with wc, storeroom and utility \* Hardwood double glazing (where specified)
- Large rear garden, off road parking to the front. ★ Buy to let opportunity, rental £475 pcm OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £114.95



- COWLEY DRIVE A beautifully presented modern semi-detached
- ★ Fully refurbished, contemporary theme ★ Lounge and dining kitchen
- ★Two bedrooms, fitted wardrobes to maste ★ Upvc double glazing, gas central heating ★ Private rear garden with sunny aspect

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £132,500

TIPTON

# COSELEY

- BERRINGTON DRIVE
- Generous sized lounge \* dining kitchen
  Two double bedrooms

  Modern bethroom

★ Stylish and immaculately presented Refurbished to a high specification

# Modern bathroom Upvc double glazed and gas central heating ★ Off road parking



# OXFORD WAY

A deathnly presented model townhouse Good sized lounge, dining kitchen Two excellent sized double bedrooms Family bathroom and guest cloakroom Upvc double glazing & gas central heating

A beatufully presented modern

heating

Rarking for two cars

An ideal purchase for a first time buyer OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £112.000

# OFFERS IN THE REGIONJ OF £127.500



# CLARENCE STREET

★ Lounge and dining kitchen ★Three excellent sized bedrooms Large modern bathroom ★ Upvc double glazing & gas CH

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £110.000

★ Private rear garden ★ No upward chain

★ Spacious end terrace

# OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124,950



# WHITEBEAM CLOSE ★ Ideal first time property, a modern

townhouse

- ★ Open plan style lounge, kitchen ★ Two bedrooms ★ Modern bathroom ★ Upvc dpouble glazing ★ Gas central
- ★ Two allocated parking spaces ★ For sale at £110,000 or for rent

# To Let @ £495 pcm

- A most delightful semi-detached family
- Large open plan style lounge/dining room Kitchen extension with utility & guest cloaks



- ROCK STREET A traditional end terrace property providing
- spacious accommodation Two large reception rooms
- Two double bedrooms, upstairs bathroom ★ Upvc double glazing and gas central heating Delightful rear garden on three levels OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950



# SCHOOL STREET

- A mid terrace traditional style property close ★Two large reception rooms ★ Cellar ★
  Kitchen Downstairs bathroom ★ Two large bedrooms
- bedrooms

  ★ Upvc double glazing and gas central heating

  ★ Courtyard and garden with potentiall for off road parking to rear

  ★ Ideal for first time buyer OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £95.950



BROOKDALE Substantial sized three bed semi.
Situated on a large corner plot beyond delightful

front gardens
r Extended kitchen & bathroom
r Dining area \* lounge
Gas central heating \* Part double glazed

# OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £115,000



IVYHOUSE LANE

\* A splendid ground floor apartment in a quiet location \* Refurbished and enhanced by the current owners \* Modern kitchen & bathroom \* One double bedroom \* Garage and rear garden \* Communal driveway parking \* Viewing recommended \* OFFERS IN THE REGION OF \$84,850

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ABBOTSFORD DRIVE

## HIMLEY ROAD DUDIFY

Luxury detached in prominent location Four bedrooms and three bathrooms Two reception rooms and luxury kitchen



Garage and delightful gardens Viewing is absolutely essential

. Larger than average gas central heating



Distinctive and spacious dormer bungalov Four bedrooms and two bathrooms Two reception rooms, conservatory a

. Garage and superb gardens

nd . A fabulous opportunity £250,000

# HARVEST CLOSE

Extended semi detached in popular

Kitchen and ground floor cloakroom FOUR bedrooms and two bathrooms . Delightful enclosed garden to rear £169,950



sed family view **£280,000** 



Semi detached in sought after location

Stylish Kitchen Three bedrooms Gernerous lounge with Conservator

£149,995

Close to excellent local facilities

# **BUTTERWORTH CLOSE**



Lounge and extended dining room

. Three bedrooms and Bathroom

Lounge, Dining Room and Conservatory . Pleas £144,950 Pleasant gardens to rear

# IVYHOUSE LANE

COSELEY

£215,000

# GROSVENOR ROAD



Traditional semi with potential! Three bedrooms and bathroom

. Pleasant gardens and garage Through lounge and conservatory . Requires modernisation £140,000

# FLAVELLS LANE

# SANDSTONE CLOSE

Superb end terraced town house Three bedrooms and family bathroom

Excellent lounge and dining kitchen

Pleasant garden £124,995



UPPER GORNAL

Traditional stye 3 bed detached 2 Reception rooms plus dining area Stunning gardens to viewed !!

£159,950



Stylish fitted kitchen



. Delightful lounge leading to conservatory Three bedrooms and modernised bathroom . Well designed gardens plus parking and £123,500

# **SEDGLEY**

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# BRAMFORD DRIVE

Traditional semi on corner plot Three bedrooms and bethroom





UPPER GORNAL

Two bedrooms plus bathroom
 Delightful gardens and off road park

Vacant Passaccion I

£124,500



\* Detached bungalow \* Lounge and kitchen in convenient location \* Two bedrooms plus bathroom \* Bogs of potential! room \* Bags of poter
Reduced to £159,500



SEDGLEY ★ En suite to main

bedroom REDUCED TO £155,000



LIME ROAD SEDGLEY

£122.000

Two reception rooms plus kitchen . Off road pa



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COSELEY ned mid . Excellent living room
to and Dining Kitchen
ss . Fabulous low
maintenance Garde
. Off road Parking £118.500

COSELEY TIPTON BORDER

kroom . Delighful go nd off road a £122.500



FIVEWAYS COURT LOWER GORNAL

£52,500



SEDGLEY

semi detached

\* Two reception rooms
and breakfast area

\* bitchen

\* Daimroom shower

\* Delightful gardens
and garage

Reduced to £149950

# ALDERWOOD RISE

UPPER GORNA



★ Delightful semi in end of cul de sac

position

★ Stylish Lounge plus dining



★ Two excellent bedrooms plus bathroom

★ Generous rear gardens
★ Off road parking

Reduced to £109,950



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r One of the best end terrozed homes on the Market!

\* Stylish lounge and fitted dining kitchen

\* Reduced to £114995



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PALE STREET UPPER GORNAL

Prominently Sounds and Dining Kitcher
Two bedrooms plus bathroom now reduced to £104,995



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- ity room, ensuite to master b ile garage, workshop



109 NORTHWAY

- SEDGLEY

  Semi detach

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137 WOOD ROAD LOWER GORNAL

- Through living room, dining room
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233 THE BROADWAY £169,950

29 SANDYFIELDS ROAD £345,000

SEDGLEY

Individually

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19 SYCAMORE GREEN £109,500

- DUDLEY

   Extended semi detached house



43 HIGH STREET

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- vie extended detached house
- Front sitting room & extended rear sitting room Conservatory, utili
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73 QUEENS ROAD

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NO UPWARD CHAIN 16 PLANKS LANE WOMBOURNE



- Detached cottage style house
   Three bedrooms, two reception
   Breakfast kitchen ns & off road parking
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1 VANBOROUGH WALK £134.500 DUDLEY

- Extended semi-detached house Three bedrooms
- Three bedrooms
   Seperate lounge & dining area
   Extended Kitchen & garage
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13 WADDELL CLOSE £129,950

- COSELEY

5 NEATH WAY

WOODSETTON Modern detached

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1 BADGER STREET

- UPPER GORNAL

31 ABBEY STREET

Deceptively spacious
 Separate lounge & dining room
 Well fitted kitchen & bathroom
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LOWER GORNAL



210 NORTHWAY SEDGLEY

A much improved semi-detached house

- SEDGLE 1

  A much improved semi-ueal
  Three bedrooms
  Attractively landscaped gardens
  Garage, uPVC double glazing



6 WESTFIELD ROAD £119,950

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- Mid terrace with four bedrooms
   Mmple off street parking
   Backing onto wooded area
   Good sized rear garden
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- Good sized two bedroom flat



- Well presented throughout
   Re-fitted kitchen and bathroom
   Established residential area



WOODSETTON

Potential building name

- Site suitable for two properties, subject to normal planning constraints
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COSELEY

Well presented & improved
Ground floor flat
Open plan lounge & kitchen





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Ground floor flat

One bedroom

Central heating

- Double glazing
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# **GORNAL WOOD COOPERS BANK ROAD**

**OFFERS BASED ON £349.950** 



- ★ Exclusive development
- ★ 4 years old ★ Lounge
- ★ Breakfast kitchen
- ★ Study ★ Family roon ★ Cloakroom
- ★ Gallery landing ★ Five bedrooms
- ★ En suite to master
- ★ Bathroom ★ Garage
- ★ Landscaped gardens
- ★ Immaculate throughout

# **GORNAL** WINDMILL STREET



- ★ Luxury individual detached
- ★ Constructed 2000
- ★ Hall
- ★ Lounge★ Dining room
- ★ leisure room with built in bar
   ★ Fitted breakfast kitchen
- ★ Utility ★ Four double bedrooms
- ★ En suite to master
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Garage ★ Gardens
- ★ Comer plot OFFERS BASED ON £299.000

# **HIMLEY ROAD**

**GORNAL** 



- ★ Luxury detached
- 2008 built ★ Hall ★ Lounge
- ★ Formal dining room
- ★ Luxury kitchen
- ★ Ground floor cloaks
- ★ Four bedrooms
- ★ Two with en suite
- ★ Bathroom ★ Garage ★ Double Glazed
- ★ Gas central heating ★ Corner plot

**OFFERS BASED ON £265,000** 

# SEDGLEY ELGIN CLOSE



- ★ Maisonette
  ★ Purpose Built
  ★ Ground Floor
  ★ Hall
  ★ Lounge
  ★ Fitted Kitchen
- OFFERS BASED ON £69,950

# DIBDALE ROAD



OFFERS BASED ON £149,950

# DUDLEY

- Hall
  Lounge
  Kitchen/diner
  Three bedrooms
  Loft room conversion
  Gas central heating
  Double glazed
  Large gardens
  Immaculate throughou
- **FREE SALES VALUATIONS** ALL INCLUSIVE FEES

**ENERGY** PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE

**INCLUDING** 

# GORNAL FLAVELLS LANE



- ★ Modern town house ★ Off village centre
- ★ Fitted kitchen ★ Three bedrooms ★ Bathroom ★ Gardens
- ★ Front parking ★ Rear garag ★ Gas central heating ★ Double glazed
- OFFERS BASED ON £129,950

# WOMBOURNE ROOKERY ROAD



- ★ One bed ★ Bathroo ★ Parking ★ Gardens One bedroom Bathroom
- OFFERS BASED ON £135,000

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# Sales



3 bed - Ashfield Crescent

Well presented semi-detached benefiting from central heating, double glazing and off road parking. Early viewing strongly recommended. NETHERTON OFFICE.



3 bed - Church Road

offering two reception rooms, car



2 bed - Withymoor Road

Offering NO UPWARD CHAIN, this bungalow is in need of modernisation but offers off road parking and garage, private rear garden and storage heating. Early viewing recommended. NETHERTON OFFICE.

£130,000



Lettings

5 bed - Gill Street

End terraced property. Five bedrooms. Double Glazing. Gas Fired Central Heating. Enclosed Rear Courtyard. Two Reception Rooms. Viewing Recommended. NETHERTON OFFICE.

£675 pcm



# 2 bed - Purlin Wharf

Well presented. Spacious modern apartment. Popular location. Two good sized bedrooms. Ensuite and family bathroom. Viewing recommended. NETHERTON OFFICE.



# 3 bed - Wrens Nest Road

sectioned off to form utility area). Off road parking. NETHERTON OFFICE.

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Semi-detached house having 2 reception rooms, downstairs w.c., a single garage and off road parking to rear, central heating and double glazing where specified. NO UPWARD CHAIN. NETHERTON OFFICE.

£89.950



Semi-detached bungalow. One bedroom, Double Glazing, Paved Frontage. Popular Location. DSS, Children and Pets considered NETHERTON OFFICE.

£395 pcm



Three Bedroom Terraced House Two Reception Rooms. Double Glazing. Off Road Parking. Convenient Location. DSS Considered. Available Immediately. NETHERTON OFFICE.

£450 pcm



Modern Four Bedroom Property bedroom with en-suite shower room . Double glazed and gas central heated. Two Parking Spaces. DSS/Children/Pets Negotiable. HALESOWEN OFFICE.

£750 pcm



Well presented property conservatory, fitted kitchen and downstairs w.c. Double glazing, gas central heating and single garage. HALESOWEN OFFICE.

**Rowley Regis** 124.950



Traditional property Three bedrooms. Lounge/dining room. Utility room. Rear Garden. Early viewing recommended. HALESOWEN OFFICE.

Halesowen £575 pcm



3 bed - Highfield Crescent

Well presented. Three bedroom mid wein presented. I niree bedroom mid terrace house. Good size rear garden. Two reception rooms. Refitted bathroom. Gas central heating and double glazing. Off road parking. DSS/PETS/CHILDREN Negotiable. HALESOWEN OFFICE

£550 pcm



Two bedrooms, Semi detached and rear gardens. Double glazing and gas central heating. HALESOWEN OFFICE

**Rowley Regis** £525 pcm



2 bed - Birch Crescent

Refurbished traditional property comprising: Entrance hall, open plan lounge/diner with kitchen off. Double glazed and gas central heated. Off road parking. HALESOWEN OFFICE



3 bed - Beech Avenue

A much improved property having off road parking, entrance hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, downstairs w.c., and upstairs bathroom including w.c. HALESOWEN OFFICE.

£109,950



3 bed - Dunstall Road

Well presented and extended semi within sought after location. Gas central heating, double glazing, extended living room, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, driveway, garage and parking, NO UPWARD CHAIN. HALESOWEN OFFICE.



Semi-Detached House. Five Bedrooms. Central Heating and Double Glazing (Where Specified). Good Sized Rear Garden. DSS Considered. HALESOWEN OFFICE.

£675 pcm



A very well presented two bedroom ground floor apartment comprising of: Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Inner Hallway, Bathroom, very well maintained private grounds, garage in block to the rear. NO DSX/Children/Pets or Smokers. STOURBRIDGE OFFICE.



A spacious three bedroom terrace property having two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, large utility room, cellar and on the first floor, three well proportioned bedrooms and a bathroom, Enclosed rear garden. NO DSS/SMOKERS or PETS.



# 4 bed - Elgar Crescent

An extended David Payne Four bedroom An extended David Payne Four bedroom detatched property offering spacious family accommodation comprising: Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility, W.C., Conservatory, Family Bathroom, En-suite, Loft Room, Driveway, Garage, rear garden. Viewing recommended via STOURBRIDGE office.





A new build detached house on a corner plot with the benefit of an attached single garage, landscaped gardens, full flor coverings throughout and an alam, with ready to move in wift; an open plan lounge, diring area and kitchen joyud to the ground flor, WC., three badrooms, bathroom, NO UPWAFD CHAIN, PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED OR SSON CASH BACK ON COMPLETION. VIEWING VIA STOURBRIDGE OFFICE.



4 bed - Prosper Meadow

Situated at the end of this pleasant development this four bedroom detached house comprises: Entrance Hall, separate W.C., bay fronted Lounge with double doors into Dining noom, Fitted Kitchen, Landing, House bathroom, Garden, long driveway with car port and a separate Garage, pleasant rear Garden. Viewing Va STOURBHIDGE office.

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A semi detatched house close to the station having a lounge, kitchen, bathroom, three bedrooms, DG, GCH, driveway for several vehicles, NO DSS/PETS/SMOKERS. long term let available

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Three Bedroom Mid Terrace •Lounge chen •First Floor Bathroom •Gas Central ted ,.Double Glazed Where Stated •Front and Rear Garden •Driveway

£110,000 TIPTON



DOUGHTY CLOSE Fitted Kitchen • Double Glazing Where Stated • En-Suite • No Chain

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Gas Central Heated -Double Glazed Where Stated



2 Reception Rooms airs Shower Room and First Floor Bathroom £650 PCM DUDLEY © 01384 455000

# LOWER GORNAL

WHITEBEAM CLOSE \*Two Bedroom Mid Terrace \*Lounge
Overlooking Rear Garden \*Fitted Kitchen \*Gas
Central Heating System \*Double Glazed Where
Stated \*Rear Garden \*Cul-De-Sac Location

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Floor Bathroom - Gas Central Heated - Double Glazed



Two Reception Rooms entral Heating, Double Glazing Driveway and Garage. Housing Benefits Considered. **£595 PCM** DUDLEY © 01384 455000

# WOODCROSS

DOVEDALE ROAD Three bedroom Flat • Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
 Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing • Must be Viewed

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Mid Terraced Residence\*Three
Bedrooms\*Lounge & Kitchen\*Ground Floor
Bathroom\*GCH System\*D/G Where
Stated\*No Chain

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and Rear Garden · Driveway

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Bedrooms•Lounge To Rear•Fitted Kitchen r•Ground Floor Cloakroom•GCH System•D/G



ception Rooms • GCH System • D/G Where





CHURCHFIELD STREET



Fitted Breakfast Kitchen · Downstairs Guest Cloakroom · En·suite to Master Bedroom · Front and Rear Garden £600 PCM DUDLEY © 01384 455000

Bedrooms-Lounge & Dining Areas-Kitchen-GCH
System & D/G Where Stated-Garage-Driveway
For Approx 2-3 Cars-Rear Garden-No Chain







£94,950



Rooms•Kitchen•GCH System•Double Glazing Where Stated





£162,950 DUDLEY © 01384 455000





·Extended Semi Kitchen-Extended Dining/Games Room-Exte re Stated-Rear Garden





AUTUMN DRIVE entrance hall - Bathroom having white suite -Lounge



Bathroom Downstairs - Upstairs Shower Room , - Gas Central Heated - Double Glazed Where Stated - Rear

Garden - Driveway **£525 PCM** DUDLEY © 01384 455000





**ORCHARD STREET** 

·End Terraced·Three Bedrooms·Extended

Kitchen-Two Reception Rooms-First Floor Bathroom-GCH & D/G

£500 PCM DUDLEY © 01384 455000

•Upper Floor Apartment•One
Bedroom•Lounge•Fitted

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**TIPTON** 

en•Double Glazing



# Connells

£179,950

WAS £230,000

£218,000



# DUDLEY

tion comprises hall, through lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, first floor having three bedrooms, study, bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

WAS £210,000 £200,000



withprises entrance hallway, bunge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms and bathroom, gated driveway, double garage, garders to the front, rear and side, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.

WAS £209,950



£199,950

hallway, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/diner, utility room, first floor having master bedroom with en-suite, three further bedrooms,

WAS £200,000 £195,000



No table does determine a porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, car pot, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.

WAS £184,995



## DUDLEY

WAS £159,950



briefly comprising entrance porch, lounge, dining room, study, fitted kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garden to front and rear, central heating and double glazing. Viewing highly recommended.

WAS £149,950

£144,950



WAS £119,950



## RUSSELLS HALL

A three bedroom sent idetached property on the popular Pussell's Hall Estate, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, through lounge, likthen, first floor having two bedrooms, bathroon second floor having bedroom, drieway, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.

WAS £104,950



## TIVIDALE

WAS £116,000



## TIVIDALE

WAS £109,950

£105,000



WAS £96,000



# DUDLEY

WAS £86,950



# DUDLEY

prises entrance lounge, kitchen, inner lobby, co servatory, first floor landing having two bedroom and bathroom, off road parking, garden to the r double glazing as specified, gas central heating Viewing highly recommended.

WAS £79,950



# TIVIDALE

A well presented ground floor flat with accommodation briefly comprising en-trance porch, lounge, kitchen, two bed-rooms and bathroom, garden to the front and rear. Viewing highly recommended. WAS £69,950



# LOWER GORNAL

WAS £62,500

£60,000

# TIPTON

OAKHAM



DRIVE adroom detached properly briefly comprising n hallway, open plan lounge/drining room, m, kitchen, first floor landing having four bed-nd bathroom. Driveway giving of tread park-lens to the front and rear, tandem garage, the benefits from UPVC double glazing and gas leating. Viewing is highly recommended.

LOWER GORNAL



# FOXLANDS DRIVE



RUSSELLS HALL



# RUSSELLS HALL ROAD

A semi detached property, accommodation comprises lounge, kitchen, first floor landing hav-ing two bedrooms and bathroom, loft conversion

DUDLEY



# MAGDALEN CLOSE

DUDLEY



# HIMLEY AVENUE

DUDLEY



**BLOWERS GREEN PLACE** 

NETHERTON



CHICHESTER AVENUE

A mid terrace property, accommodation com-prises: Entrance porch, lounge kitchen, first floor landing having two bedrooms and bath-room, garage in separate block , garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.



MIDDLE MEADOW



PARADISE

A two bedroom first floor flat, accommo dation comprises private entrance, hallway, lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified. No Up-ward Chain. Viewing highly recommended. UPPER GORNAL



JOCKEY FIELDS

A ground floor two bedroom flat, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom, garden. No Upward Chain.

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IIILY HOME which enjoys this highly sought after address,
to excellent schooling, having been SUBSTANTIALLY

ENDED to both the ground and thet floors, now offering an

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Price: £209.950

# WITHYMOOR VILLAGE



Bagnall Walk
Situated in a cul-de-sac location and ideally positioned for all local amenities, is this beautifully present editor. It is a supplementation of the property deally suited to the family requirements. The gas centrally heated accommodation comprises: inner hall, bedroom two, guest wc, double garage with electric door, on the first floor: bedrooms one and three, large lounge, modern kitchen, modern bathroom, landscaped garden to the rear, block particularly for the proping alammifine alarm. PMVC gutter and rascia. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

Offers Around £194.950

# SEDGLEY



Arcal Street

Absolutely outstanding, exceptionally well appointed, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached home of character that has been transformed by present vendors to an exemplary specification. Superb accommodation includes entrance has, incopaging 2nd receiption hall 60° calling height, (with double french doors out to garden), recently refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & many integrated appliances with utility section beyond and reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suits. Traditional bonder on the present with white suits. Traditional bonder on the present with evidence of the present of eptionally lengthy, expertly tended/secluded rear y fine features. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £182,950

# WORDSLEY



# 35 Lawnswood Road

This JUST EXPENSIVET AND FULLY REFITTED. TRADITIONAL BAY FRONTED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers a SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED and NOW INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS LAYOUT of accommodation which has been TASTEFULLY DETACHED FAMILY HOME OF THE ACTION OF TH enjoying a pleasant patio / lawn rear garden which enjoys a PRIVATE REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384

Price: £174950

# LOWER GORNAL

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The Straits

An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally well presented, and particularly stylish, Freehold, gas centrally heated, & uPVC double plazed semi detached conveniently situated within walking distance of country park, shops, bus route, Doctors, School etc. The superh accommodation includes: enlarged reception hall, enlarged 166° stitting room with bay, transverse refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of "beech" effect units & various integrated appliances, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Off road parking to front, secluded rear garden. SERGLEV OFFICE 01902 808088

Offers in the region of £153,950

# WOODSETTON



Chartwell Close

his deceptively spacious, significantly improved, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home has been concientiously maintained by the present owners. Situated in a quiet cuil de sac location, the impressive accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, transverse lounge/dining room with CONSERVATORY addition, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, family/playroom, three good bedrooms, reflitted bathroom with white suite, driveway & low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

# KINGSWINFORD



16 Belvedere Close

16 Belvedere Close

Cocupying a very pleasant 'ou' de sac' setting upon the highly sought after 'High Acres' development, which enjoys its own selection of local shops and amenilies, this RECENTLY IMPROVED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW offers a VERY WELL PROPORTION LAYOUT of accommodation, having been REWIRED IN LAYOUT of accommodation, having been REWIRED IN CALL AND AND ADDITION OF A SEMI-DEVINE AND ADDITION OF A SEMI-DEVEN AND ADDITION OF A SEMI-DEVINE AND ADDITION OF A SEMI-DEVEN AND ADDIT

Price: £134.950

# WORDSLEY



55 George Street

Offering 'READY TO MOVE INIT'O accommodation which is ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED and TASTEFULLY DECORATED HOUSE IN SUPERIOR OF THE ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED and TASTEFULLY DECORATED MEWS HOUSE enjoys a pleasant 'cul de sac' setting within this popular and established location and comprising reception hall, spacifous lounge, attractively re-fritted kitchen with hall, spacifous lounge, attractively re-fritted kitchen with appointed classic white bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set back beyond the BNIEWAWY to the fore, having a USEFUL OUTSIDE STORE (housing the Worcester combination boiler) and enjoying SLESTAMTHAL GARRIAN WITH DEVENUE OF THE NEW OF

Price: £126.950

# **DUDLEY**



Richborough Drive

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Significantly enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed end 'starter home' with MACNHICEMT DISTANT VIEWS, just off the main distance of all the various Milking Bank amenities. Accommodation provides lounge, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'oak finish units & many integrated appliances & a substantial brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY to the rear. Two double bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white double glazed CONSERVATORY to the rear. Two double sections, reappointed bathroom with white sized, well fenced rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £125,000

# RUSSELLS HALL



Minehead Road

Minehead Road
Positioned in this established residential
location, close to all local amenities is
this traditional style, gas centrally heated
and uPVC double glazed, two
bedroomed semi detached property
ideally suited to the first time
buyer/young family. The property also
has a garage and is realistically priced,
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Offers Around £99.950

# DUDLEY



# Hillmeads Drive, Oakham

Hillmeads Drive, Oakham

Enviably situated in favoured/exclusive cul de sac, a substantial, particularly SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached family residence. Accommodation includes imposing reception hall, reappointed/fitted cloakroom, elegant 19ft lounge, separate dining room (double French doors to garden), breakfast kitchen, laundry, four bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), reappointed bathroom, double garage (17'4" x 17'0") and lengthy expertly tended sheltered rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £279,950

## **GORNAL WOOD** GORNAL WOOD



# Himley Road

An attractive, comparatively spacious, modern, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bunglow constructed circa 2004 as part of small select development of just three examples in backwater just off principal Himley Road. The stylish conscientiously maintained accommodation includes reception hall, THREE BEDROOMS (one with shower room en suite) house bathtroom, 310 miles are good to be a suite of the stylish of the s

Price: £249.995



# Louise Street

A SPACIOUS, conscientiously maintained & significantly enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached family home on periphery of village with tremendous distant views and within walking distance of so many amenities. The well proportioned accommodation includes imposing reception half with various storage cupboards off), 24ft through living/dining room, refitted kitchen, laundry, fitted cloakroom. Three double and one single bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, integral garage. Extensive expertly intended gardens incorporating brick/book paved drive/parking area. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 808888

Offers in the region of £224,950

# LOWER GORNAL



Ladbrook Grove, Straits



An attractive, EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOU-BLE GLAZED detached bungalow occupying a fine corner plot in well regarded, quiet/convenient cul de sac. Conscientiously maintained accommodation includes entrance vestibule, reception hall, two double bedrooms, enlarged shower room (former bathroom) with white suite, enlarged lounge (incorporating former third bedroom as a dining room - possibilities fo re-subdivision) and an extended upgraded 19'10" breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, pantry. Lengthy drive to a GARAGE and delightful expertly tended gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £210,000

# COSELEY



# Catherine Road, Hurst Hill

Catherine Hoad, Hurst Hill

NO UPWARD CHAIN, A EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed 45 bedroom detached providing extremely flexible room arrangements to suit a wide range of family requirements. Accommodation presently comprises entrance porch, imposing reception hall, fitted cloaks/shower room, sitting own, further reception room (potential fifth bedroom), breakfast kitchen (with 'utility' - conservatory addition), 21ft lounge with patio doors. FOUR EDROOMS (one with shower one en suite), espophented bethroom with Compared to the Compared to the control of the Compared to the Co

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# DUDLEY



Priory Close

Priory Close
An attractive, conscientiously maintained, and ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed interval detached of character in favoured cul-de-sac just off The Broadway. There are a number of period features (N.B. Ioffy ceiling heights, panelled doors/picture rails), and the accommodation provides; glazed porch, reception hall, understairs store, lounge with bay, separate dining room with bay, upgraded breakfast kitchen, utility room, lobby, wardrobes), bathroom, separate toilet, Gated driveway to garage, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £209,950

# SEDGLEY



Farm Close, Brownswall Estate



REMARKABLE OPPORTUNITY - EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE GARDEN!!
- Enviably situated at head of short cul de sac immediately abutting open fields with panoramic distant views, a gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured district. Stylish accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room with double french doors out to garden), kitchen, pantry, breakfast/util-ity room. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom, large garage, excep-tionally lengthy garden (section let out as part of a paddock). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £197,950

# DUDLEY



Badminton Close, Milking Bank

A SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED, Freehold, gas centrally heated detached at head of short culde-sax in favoured district. Superb, SPACIOUS, accommodation provides; entrance hall, store, elegant lounge with walk-in bay, dining room, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of cream finish units & various integrated appliances, lobby, fitted cloakroom. PRINCIPAL BEDROOM with extensive "walk through" range of wardrobes, and a shower room en suite, three further bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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# 54 Stream Road

Enjoying a superb location, overlooking maintained lawn and established trees opposite, within the 'slip road' jus off Stream Road, this ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED for road' jus off Stream Road, this ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED AND WELL APPOINTED, MODERN, DETACHED FAMILY HOME OF THE STANDARD AND THE STA

Price: £179,950

# WALL HEATH VILLAGE



# 15A Albert Street

BACKING ONTO PARK GROUNDS, this SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers a BECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS layout of EXTREMELY WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation, all of which has been BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED throughout, comprising, reception hall, fantastic large extended refitted kitchen with built in appliances, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, luxury refitted bathroom with separate shower, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DUBLE GLAZING. The property is further enhanced by the DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and the GOOD SIZED HEAR GARDEN backing onto the park. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01984 401777

Price: £174.950

# GORNAL WOOD



## Oakland Drive

Oakland Drive

An exceptionally well presented, tremendously enhanced & conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached envisibly situated in relatively quiet cul de ac close to fields. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, magnificent 22'10' through living/dining room and a bnck/uPVC double glazed CONSERWATORY beyond, refitted kitchen, partry, three bedrooms (two with fitted wardobes & third with fitted bed base), upgraded/re-filed shower form. Block pawed foregarden & side drive with SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £173,950

# DUDLEY



Donnington Court, 'Capitol Heights'

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RECENTI'S BUILT circa 2007 and covered by NHBC, a
particularly stylish, gas centrally heated & uPVC double
glazed. Treehold intermediate townhouse with an
enhanced specification' enjoying MAGNIFICENT
PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS within walking distance of
Milking Bank Neighbourhood'. To the ground floor is an
imposing hall, intetd/filed cloakroom, third bedroom &
superb well equipped dining kitchen with a fine range of
the standard of the stan second floor two double bedrooms (princip with part tiled shower room en suite), ample p garden, NO CHAIN, SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902

Offers in the region of £169,950

# COSELEY



Fozdar Crescent

A distinctive, highly individual & comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & most urVC double glazed detached that has been conscientiously maintained and much improved by vendors over the years. Set in cul de sac just off Ettingshall Road, the accommodation provides entrance porch, reception hall, with patio doors, refitted kitchen, utility room, three bedrooms (principal bedroom with fitted units & a w.c. en suite), spacious bathroom. Extensive secure concreted parking for a number of vehicles and LARGE CONTRACTORS GARAGE (29'6" x 11'5"). SEDGLEY OFFICE 19102 880888 ahly individual &

Offers in the region of £169,950

## SEDGLEY



# Western Avenue

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Tremendous views. provides entrance porch, recommodation with though living/dining room with buy 8 paid of ors), relitted fichen with a fine range of units 8 various integrated appliances, spacious utility room beyond. Three bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with stylish white suite, garage, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £167,950

# MILKING BANK AREA



# Regency Court, Dibdale Road West

Regency Court, Dibdale Road West A magnificent, comparatively spacious, radiator centrally heated & uPVC double glazed top floor apartment in recently constructed, well specified block enjoying McNIPICENT DISTANT VEN'S and presented in superborder throughout. 'Entry phone' style system & automated gated access. Accommodation includes imposing reception hall floftly ceiling heightly, breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances, dining room & distinctive turret lounge' (with 180 degree views), two double bedrooms (one with shower room en suite), bathroom. SEDGLEY OFFICE 11902 880888

Offers in the region of £166,950

# TIPTON



# Sedglev Road West

Sedgley Road West

An EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed Edwardian semi detached of tremendous character with many fine period features. To the ground floor, entrance vestibule, lengthy reception hall, sitting room with bay, separate lounge, useful cellar, kitchen. To the first floor, three bedrooms & a bathroom. To the second floor, garllery landing & double bedroom 4. Fine corner plot, secure "CONTRACTOR'S GARAGE". SEDGLEY OFFICE 19192 80/BBS.

Offers in the region of £160,000

# LOWER GORNAL



# Wallows Wood

Wallows Wood

NO UPWARD CHAIN Significantly improved, modernised & EXTENDED freehold, gas centrally heated & IPWC duble glazed fraditional style semi datached set at head of cut de sac within walking distance of so many amenities and overlooking fields. Accommodation includes porch, reception hall, 25ft through living/dining rom (previously two rooms) with patio doors through to a uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, extended reselfast kitchen and a bathroom beyond. To the first breakfast kitchen and a bathroom beyond. To the first shower room. Off road parking to front and delightful, landscaped/secluded rear garden with extensive decking and other features. SEDGLEY OFFICE 1902 880888

Offers in the region of £158,000

# LOWER GORNAL



Milton Crescent, Straits

a significantly modernised, improved & conscientiously naintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double lazed semi detached in favoured district within walking glazed semi detached in favoured district within walking distance of so many amenities/ open fields/country park. Accommodation includes reception hall, lounge with feature marble living flame' gas fire, kitchen, dining room with patio doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Three bedrooms (two with extensive range of fitted wardrobes), litel/exapointed shower room with stylish white suite, lengthy tarmacadam drive, brick garage, delightful secluded well tended rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £157,750

# WORDSLEY



# 12 The Green, Bells Lane

Gently elevated and enjoying SPLENDID VIEWS TO KING GEORGE V PARK OPPOSITE, this MOST DISTINCTIVE STORM TO TOWN HOUSE Combines EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS accommodation with a BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED and TASTEPULLY DECORATED layout including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: 17\* reception half, ground floor guests cloakcoron/kw., attractive built in appliances, THREE LARGE DOUBLE BEDROOMS master with fifted wardrobes and en suite shower/dressing eception tien, as conservation, 1.2 Dubit in appliances, THREE LARGE DUBBLE — master with fitted wardrobes and en suite shower/room off and house bethroom. Small landscaped front many constructions of the conservation of the c

Offers Around £154,950

# **BRIERLEY HILL**



# Stourbridge Road

This three bedroomed, traditional styled, gas centrally neated and uPVC double glazed, link detached residence has a versatile layout of accommodation which includes a self contained basement with two rooms. The property sen contained baselment with two footins. The property comprises: hall, lounge, open plan re-fitted kitchen/diner, ransverse conservatory, utility area, ground floor shower oom with wc, three bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, good sized garden to rear with far reaching views, driveway. /iewing is recommended. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £150,000

# KINGSWINFORD



# 95 Rangeways Road

A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED MODERN FOUR BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which enjoys SPECTACULAR ELEVATED IVENS from the rear and offers a GENEROUS and WELL APPOINTED layout of accommodation which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DUBLE GLAZING comprising: room, refitted, and extended kitchen with built in entrane purv. DOUBLE GLAZING OVER IRAL entrane port, reception had penerous comprising entrance ports, reception had penerous comprising room, refitted and extended kitchen with built in appliances, FOUR BEDROOMS, white bathroom with shower, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is set back from the road beyond the DRIVEWAY with GARAGE and ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN which benefits a sumy aspect and has constituted to the contraction of the property of the property of the property is the property of the prop enefits a sunny aspect and h FORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £149,950

# SEDGLEY



Gibbons Hill Road

TREMENDOUSTY IMPROVED, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached excellently situated close to The Beacon' open space and comprising entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, recently refitted kichen with a fine range of 'antique pine' finish units with integrated appliances, pantry, separate dining room (with patie doors out to the garden), three bedrooms (one with double wardrobe), reappointed bathroom with white suite, through lobby with two stores & a separate w.c., GARAGE, secluded good size rear avarien. SEPGIE OF JEFEIC 9107-880888 , SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

# COSELEY



Ivyhouse Lane

A most attractive, tremendously enhanced, modernised & mproved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double jazed (and re-roofed) traditional style semi detached plazed (and re-roofed) traditional style semi detached number of period features have been retained, and the coormodation includes: elegant dining now with bay, understairs store, transverse sitting room (with multi-ted tow), upgraded kitchen. To the first floor are two good sized bedrooms (one with fitted wardrobes), and a esponited bathroom with white suits. Second floor info persion double bedroom. Gardens, potential securing (not verified, and subject to regulations) GLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £135,000

# KINGSWINFORD



# 37 Sandhurst Road

EXTENDED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED This EXTENDED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW enjoys a pleasant position within this cul-de-sac upon the fringe of popular 'High Acres' with good amenities nearby, and now offers: hall, SPLENDID 18' 6' x 12' LOUNGE enjoying distant views, inner hall to: fitted 'Grovewood' kitchen with dining extension, TWO BEDROOMS, attractive bathroom, DOUBLE GLAZING and part gas heating, Forelawn, drive/parking, SPLENDID 38' CARPORT and wide patio and secluded twin terrace garden with afternoon sun. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 4017T. and wide pation with afternoo 01384 401777

Price: £134,950

# NETHERTON



# Cinder Bank

ceptively spacious, Victorian style, majority double glazed and gas centrally heated, three bedroomed giazea and gas centrally neated, three bedroomed detached home is conveniently situated for local amenities, and is ideally suited to family requirements. The versatile property briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, side verandah, bathroom, three double bedrooms (master with built in wardrobes and en-suite wo), secure parking, and courtvard style garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £134,950

# **DUDLEY**



Cherry Green, Old Park Farm

Enviably situated upon large CORNER PLOT, a significantly improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached with good distant views and tremendous further potential. Superb stylish accommodation includes entrance porch, enlarged reception hall, store, 207\* through living/dining room with elegant 'american walnut' style feature overmantel & a living flame gas fire, upgraded kitchen, three bedrooms (principal bedroom with walk-in wardrobes), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite. Large (173\* x 95\*) garage & further secure gated parking, good size garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

# COSELEY



Kenelm Road

An EXTENDED, tremendously modernised, gas central An EXTENDED, tremendously modernised, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed inter-war semi detached of character in quiet/very convenient cut de sac, Accommodation provides enlarged porch, reception hall, paritry, 24°s through lounge/dining room (formerly separate rooms) with bay & patio doors, extended/refitted 17°5' kitchen with oven, hob & extractor, fridge & freezer. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite & shower. Block paved foregarden, potential garage space, neat secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 17902 880888 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £122,000

# WOMBOURNE VILLAGE



# 43 Forge Valley Way

4-3 Forge Valley Way
Enjoying a generous corner position within sought after semi-rural Wombourne Village, his MOST IMPRESSIVE SPACIOUS layout with MOST ATTRACTIVELY SPACIOUS layout with MOST ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED and WELL APPOINTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, REPLACEMENT UPVE O'DUBLE GIAZING, CAVITY WALL / LOFT LOUNG with bow window, full width fitted Kitchen, TWO BEDROOMS (master with built-in wardrobes) and white Bathroom with shower. Front lawn, DRIVEWAY, DETRACHED GARAGE and a LARGE and WELL MANDERS (MARCHES) and WELL MANDERS (MARCHES) AND CARGE AND CARGE

Price: £121,950



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## UPPER GORNAL



Harvest Close

An exceptionally well presented & EXTREMELY STYLISH, freehold, gas centrally heated & IVPC double glazed semi-detached enviably situated at head of relatively quiet/safe cul de sac in popular district. The property has been transformed by present vendor and comprises entrance transformed by present vendor and comprises entrance variances and popular district. The property has been transformed by present vendor and comprises entrance and present the property of the present of the pr

Offers in the region of £120,000

# PENSNETT



# 47 Tansey Green Road

NCTIVE, TRADITIONAL "VICTORIAN" PERIOD HOUSE displays it's original character features yet is DECEPTIVE OF THE OUTSTANDING SATION, BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED PATIOS AND REAR GARDENS and, pleasantly located on the displayed to the characteristics. ACCOMMINATION, DESCRIPTION, LANGUAGE OF A CONTROL SIGNATION, CONTROL

Price: £119.950

## COSELEY



Legge Lane

Legge Lane
A delightful, tremendously enhanced, EXTENDED & significantly improved, traditional freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed inter-war semi detached of character that has been sympathetically restored in recent years carefully retaining/enhancing so many period features. Outstanding accommodation includes recessed ports, reception hall, separate dining room (with open fireplace), lounge with patio doors, extended/erfitted kitchen with various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, bathroom, sheltered/secluded garden & large CONTRACTORS GARAGE to the rear. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

# LOWER GORNAL



Autumn Drive

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VENDOR IS OFFERING A 5% GIFTED DEPOSIT ON THE FULL ASKING PRICE.

A well presented & significantly enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached at head of cul de sac in popular district. Superb accommodation includes porch, reception hall, through lounge/dining room (formerly separate rooms), refitted kitchen with a fine range of units with integrated oven, hob & filter. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobe), tiled bathroom, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 1902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

# SEDGLEY



Springfield Grove

Springfield Grove
Tremendously modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semidetached occupying a wider than average CORNER
PLOT with significant potential. This extremely stylish home comprises; imposing reception hall, filted cloakroom, through loungerdining room (formerly separate rooms) with double opening French doors to the rear, and a Multi-fuel burner, refitted kitchen with 'oak' units. Three bedrooms, stylish reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Parking, substantial work room (potential garage), extensive gardens. SEOGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

# SEDGLEY



# Townsend Avenue

A comparatively spacious, cons ientiously maintained Freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached with potential, ideally situated sonable walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, and all associated amenities. The well proportioned accommodation includes; entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Good sized garden, and off road parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE

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# COSFLEY



# Berrington Drive

significantly enhanced & conscientiously maintained, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally neated semi detached excellently located in relatively quiet cul de sac within walking distance of so many amenities. Superb accommodation includes entrance nallway, stylish lounge, kitchen with a fine range of units TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom, GARAGE, near ar garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,950 SEDGLEY

# BRIFRI FY HILL



# Foxdale Drive

Presented to a beautiful standard, having beer completely modernised in recent years, is this three odern style property which simply must be view

> Offers Around £114,950 SEDGLEY

# DUDI FY



Garrick Close, "Earls Keep

Quirtick ClOSe, "Earl's K6ep" A well presented, uPVC double gizzed & gas centrally heated second floor Bryant built apartment forming part of an attractive block of six set in landscaped grounds upon highly favoured development with PANOFAMIC DISTANT VIEWS. There is an 'entry phone' style system to communal sections and the accommodation includes reception hall, two good sized bedrooms (principal bedroom with thay double built in wardrobes), bathroom with white suite, superi 20 10° through inlangificant grown with bay & anniliances. I andispaned reviews & allocated existing anniliances. I andispaned reviews & allocated existing anniliances. equipped kitchen With various ....-nces. Landscaped grounds & allocated p ovehicles. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £112,000

# UPPER GORNAL



Kinfare Rise

Kinfare Rise

This surprisingly spacious, traditional style, double glazed & gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detacht home is situated in setablished residential location and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or your families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kichen with a fine range of units, three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, concrete print driveway and a low maintenance rear garden. SEDCLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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- Splendid lounge
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- Two bedrooms
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- Supero lounge with leature fire
   Combined with a splendid fitted kitchen with oven & hob · Attractive fitted bathroom with shower over the bath
- UPVC double glazing
   Front garden
   Allocated parking
  - £425 pcm







# Seventh consecutive award for Discover



Land Rover's Discovery 4, above, and forthcoming Evoque were honoured by What Car? judges

AND Rover enjoyed an outstanding evening at the 2011 What Car? Awards, walking away with two special accolades.

accolades.

Firstly, the Land Rover Discovery 4 scooped the model's seventh consecutive What Car? win when it was once more named 4x4 of the year.

But the celebrations didn't end there as

But the celebrations didn't end there as Land Rover's newest and most anticipated model, the Range Rover Evoque, won its first major title with the Reader Award for the most exciting car of 2011.

The Solihull-built Discovery 4 was pitched against tough competition including the BMW X3 and the Hyundai Sante Pe, but again emerged victorious with What Car? describing it as "an iconic car". This is the latest in a long list of accolades for Land Rover's most capable allround vehicle and brings the total medal haul to almost 150 awards since the Dis-

covery 2 was launched in 2004. What Car? editor-in-chief, Steve Fowler said: "We've loved the Land Rover Discovery ever since we made it Car of the Year in 2005 and this is its seventh What Car? award — an amazing feat.

"Nothing can beat its 4x4 abilities combined with executive car quality and family friendly features — it's a real iconic car."

## **Decorated**

Land Rover's global operations director, John Edwards, echoed the What Car? view, saying: "The Discovery 4 offers an exceptional breadth of capability and has become one the of the world's most deco-

rated vehicles.
"We are thrilled that it has once again been named 4x4 of the Year. Seven What Car? awards is an amazing achievement and validates the Discovery's status as the world's most capable SUV."
This year sees the Discovery 4 benefit from a host of new features including a

for UK customers.

The acclaimed parallel sequential turbocharged diesel engine replaces the 2.7 LR-TDV6 and matches the low CO2 emis-

Lin-TDVO and matches the low CO2 emissions and impressive fuel economy of its more powerful 3.0-litre stable mate. Further new 2011 Model Year enhancements include improvements to Land Rover's award winning Terrain Response system with the introduction of Hill Start

system with the introduction of Hill Start Assist and Gradient Acceleration Control. The What Car? 4x4 of the year award coincides with the launch of the Discovery 4 Landmark Limited Edition, which goes on sale this month.

This new model features a black and white colour scheme and brings a fresh, contemporary sense of design to the latest Discovery 4 line-up.

High-end interiors are blended with bold contemporary colour schemes for an upmarket look.

# The hidden £100m bill for potholes, skids on ice and little 'bumps'

MISALIGNED wheels and tyres could be costing UK motorists up to £100

motorists up to £100 million in additional fuel costs alone.
Out-of-alignment wheels require more energy to turn which can increase fuel consumption by 3 to 3.5 per cent. With the price of fuel only likely to rise through 20 11 and the increase in VAT this January, tyre wholesalers Micheldever/Protyre are burning motorists they are burning money and taking

unnecessary risks by not ensuring their vehicle's wheels are aligned properly. Wheel alignment problems are more likely to develop fol-lowing a harsh winter.

# Risks

The increased numbers of potholes created by freezing temperatures and the likelihood of vehicles bumping into curbs due to the slippery road surfaces are teh big risk factors which rack up the national bill.

The impact resulting from these 'bumps' can knock wheels out of alignment, even damaging suspension components if severe, no

matter how old or new the vehicle may be.

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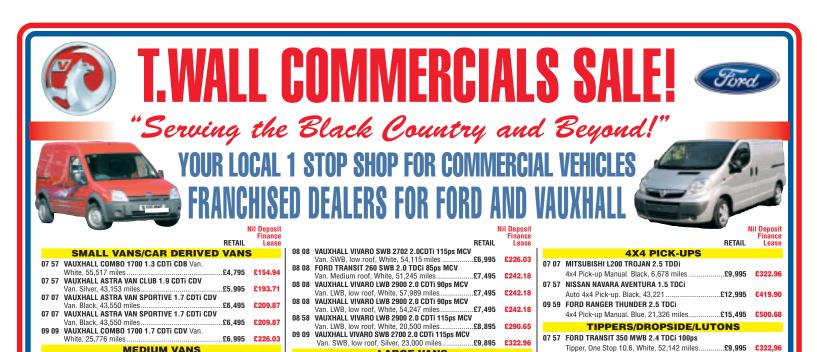
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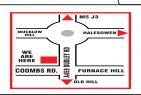


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# Sport



# Black belt for Holly at age of 12

A DUDLEY youngster has proved she's a force to be reckoned with by with mum Joanne, dad Nick and earning a karate black belt at the earning a karate black belt at the earning a karate black belt at the eight-year-old brother Jack.

Holly Walters, a pupil at Bishop Milner High School on Burton Road, began training four years ago and is the started but along with that began training four years ago and is the started but along with that talent when began training four years ago and is the started but along with that the started but along with that talent, she trained very hard and Modern Karate Association class to achieve the revered grade.

"The black belt grading takes about four hours and it is very on 1992 602797 or 07973 316028."

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WHEELCHAIR tennis ace Jordanne Whiley was making a surprise Grand Slam debut this week. The Halesowen teenager arrived in Australia ready to play the ITF 3 Series Melbourne Open at Albert Reserve Tennis Centre, the practice ground for the Australian Open. However, British number one and world number eight Lucy Shuker had to withdraw from the main event with injury, giving Whiley the wild card slot she initially missed by one ranking place. Twas a bit shocked to hear I would be playing the Grand Slam instead of the ITF 3, but I'm more vevited than anything

of the ITF 3, but I'm more excited than anything else," said the 18-year-

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"I look forward to
playing some good tennis
and I'm going to enjoy it,
added the British
number two, world
ranked 10.
As the Chronicle went
to press Whiley was
preparing for a tough
match with Dutch world
number four Jiske Griffloen.
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Whiley has also taken Shuker's doubles slot to partner Australia's Daniela di Toro. And their task looks even greater as they were drawn to face reigning Wimbledon and US Open champions Esther Vergeer and Sharon Walraven of the Netherlands.

# Pressure tells as the Hawks bag five

Girls League
Halas Hawks 5
Kidder Lions 0
HALAS Hawks under-15
girls continued their impressive start to the new year
with a cup win over a very
good side.
They put on pressure from
the first whistle and were
rewarded by goals from Kate
Hunnisett and Liz
McAleenan. Further goals
came from Kate Drew (2)
and Rhianne Murray, Player
of the match Rebecca
Ingram was solid in defence.
Boys League
Kingswinford 2
Halas Hawks East 3
The under-nines East

Halas Hawks East 3
The under-nines East bounced back from last week's defeat, going two up through Charlie Greening and Oliver Miller
Kingswinford scored but Miller was again on target and a second Kingswinford goal was not enough. Players of the match were Oliver Miller and Joshua Yorke.

# Halas Hawks East 4 Gornal

Halas Hawks East 4 Gornal
Athletic 1
Jordan Ward chipped the
keeper to put the under-10s
East ahead, but Gornal levelled through an own goal.
Halas took control in the
second half when Joshua
Parsons (2) and Jordan
Berry netted and kept Halas
at the top of the league.

Bewdley Town 1
Halas Hawks D 4
The under-12 Dynamos

Halas Hawks D 4

The under-12 Dynamos took on a strong Bewdley team which had won nine out of 10 to top the first division of the Stourport league.

Halas fell behind but then

produced an excellent display to win 4-1 with goals from Jordan Boffey, Alex Gardener and Lewis Bryan.

Gardener and Lewis Bryan.
A late home penalty was saved superbly by Anthony Cowdell.
Halas Hawks 2
Ettingshall 4
A below strength under-13s squad led through Dan Jennings, whose second-half goal restored the advantage after the visitors had equalised.
Ettingshall's strength in depth saw them run out 4-2 winners. Halas player of the match was Neil Langan.
Wombourne 2
Halas Hawks 1
The under-14s East dominated but were not clinical in their finishing with Jake Walley scoring their only goal.
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Goals from Danny Hodges
(2), Lewis Hatfield and
Jamie Nicolls saw the
under-15s win.

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A high-scoring under-16s
game went the way of the
Hawks with a hat-trick by
Guy Millward and goals for
Tom Stevens, Joe Powell and
James Harper.

# **BOWN BOUNCES** BACK IN BIG W

Banbury 14 Dudley Kingswinford 55

DUDLEY KINGSWINFORD routed struggling Banbury and made it 15 wins from 15 in the Midlands One West division. DK were forced to make several changes to the side which had beaten Bournville a week earlier, with Jak Davis, Rich Kelley and fly half Gareth Bown all drafted in.

# Glassboys enjoy away day with the Railwaymen

Didcot Town 1 Stourbridge 4 STOURBRIDGE boss Gary Hackett had called for his side to improve their Zamaretto Premier Division away record – and they

improve their Zamaretto Premier Division away record — and they did it in style.

The Glassboys were 2-0 up after just 23 minutes and defeat proved to be the final straw for Didcot boss Stuart Peace who tendered his resignation on Sunday.

After a cagey beginning, Stour took the lead in the 11th minute. Craig Connor played a clever pass in from the right and Ryan Rowe was given too much room on the edge of the box to turn and smash a low shot past Steve Smith.

Then, on 23 minutes, the Glassboys doubled their advantage when Ben Billingham sent over a free-kick from the left that was glanced on by Faul McCone for Leon Broadhurst to volley home his first goal of the season.

The Railwaymen got on the scoresheet in the 42nd minute when David Lawrence hit a low shot that beat Lewis Solly low down at his near post. Didcot had a chance but Solly denied Lawrence before Jamie Heapy smashed the rebound over. The visitors made the game safe in the 89th minute through Drew Canavan and then put the icing on the cake with a fourth from Lindon Dovey.

The Glassboys' home league game against Oxford City last Tuesday was postponed, as City faced a county cup tie, and rearranged for March 22.

The Oxfordshire side have endured a tough season since pro-motion last year and in the teams'

first meeting in 11 years high-flying DK took charge within five minutes. The returning Bown converted his own try for a 7-0 lead after good work from Ben Connett and Jon Higgins

had created an opening, writes
Peter Stinton.

A second DK try came on 14
minutes when Robbie Jones, on the

minutes when Robbie Jones, on the left wing, passed nearly inside for Tom Weaver to swerve away for a superb unconverted try.

DK were at their scintillating best and went further ahead when Davis made a great break from his own half, combining with Tom Weaver to feed James Jefferson for 17-0.

The game was all but won after just 28 minutes when Jones stepped neatly inside his man to score, with Jon Higgins converting for 24-0, and Jefferson took a high pass for try number five before half-time.

# **Productive**

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Within five minutes of the restart DK had scored two more tries, Gareth Davies and Jak Davis both going over.

Davis was enjoying a productive return and made it 45-0 with his second try in quick succession, converted by Higgins.

With the game in the bag DK sent on Luke Greenwood and Tom Bissell as replacements.

Bown flew in for try number nine on 59 minutes, taking a fine box kick from Higgins, before higgins hi



Banbury players give chase - with one trying to strip the ball - as Gareth Davis breaks away



James Jefferson crosses for the third try with Dudley Kingswinford en route for a big victory

# Sad Yeltz beaten again as Thorpe goes

HALESOWEN began life after HALESOWEN began life after Tony Thorpe with yet another demoralising defeat as Bedford Town cantered to a 3-0 win at The Grove.

The manager left the club on Friday and the Yeltz put in a tame performance in Shaun Cunnington's first game in charge.

They were without star player Ruben Izquierdo, on trial at Championship side QPR, while Alex Roofe replaced Daventry-bound Chris Godwin in defence.

In a bright start for the home side

But Halesowen's early endeavours were undone late in the first half when Clark whipped in a cross from the right for Ian Draycott to head home unchallenged. The home side looked to respond after the break and captain Michael McGrath lashed a 25-yarder wide before Curtis hit another attempt straight at Brown.

But Bedford doubled their lead when ex-Yeltz defender Gavin Hoyte headed on a corner for Emmanuel Richardson to touch home from close range.

Halesowen went close to replying

lands.

Next week Whiley competes in the Sydney International Open before returning home to training at David Lloyd in Dudley. Causeway

on march

CAUSEWAY climbed into fourth in the Midland Alliance with a 3-1 home win over Willenhall Town.
Danny Jones notched for Causeway but Dean Williams intercepted a back pass to level with a curling shot. An end to end affair was settled by coals from Ben Stretton goals from Ben Stretton and Will Tibbetts.

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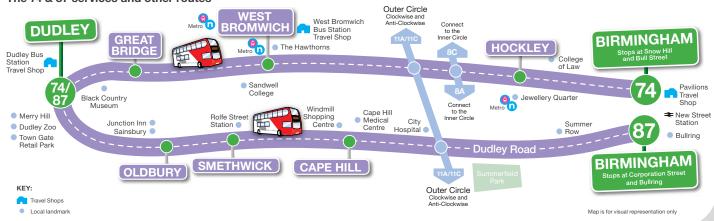
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